

Proclamation



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WHEREAS,

Cleophus “Cleo” Orange was known as the “Mother of the Civil Rights Movement”, and was lovingly called “Mother Cleo” by all that knew and loved her; and



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WHEREAS,

Mother Cleo and her late husband, Rev. James Orange, were dedicated foot soldiers in the Civil Rights Movement, both leaving footprints that will endure for generations to come; and



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WHEREAS,

Mother Cleo was a historian and supervisor at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and organized staffers who answered countless phone calls and notified the group’s leaders of developments while they traveled across the country in the fight for civil rights; and



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WHEREAS,

Mother Cleo trained and mentored succeeding generations and continued to work behind the scenes with leadership at the King Center; and



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WHEREAS,

in addition to her work at the SCLC, Mother Cleo and her husband raised five children, and she successfully managed their home while Rev. Orange traveled with the SCLC;



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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Mother Cleo Orange for a life of integrity and dedication to her family and the Civil Rights Movement, and does hereby proclaim Tuesday, January 17, 2023 as “**CLEO ORANGE REMEMBRANCE DAY**” in Fulton County, Georgia.



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Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Sponsoring Commissioner

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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