

# Proclamation



*WHEREAS,*

Throughout Fulton County's history, people of Irish descent have played an important role in our community; and



*WHEREAS,*

St. Patrick's Day is an annual celebration honoring the heritage of Ireland and people of Irish descent; and



*WHEREAS,*

the Atlanta St. Patrick's Day Parade, which began in 1858 under the leadership of the Hibernian Benevolent Society, is one of the oldest St. Patrick's Day parades in the nation; and



*WHEREAS,*

thousands of volunteers come together each year to produce this celebration of culture and civic pride, with extensive support from business, civic and community organizations; and



*WHEREAS,*

the parade attracts individuals and groups from around the city and the South including clowns, floats, bands, Bagpipe & Drum Corps, children, dancers, drill teams, and more resulting in a fun "family" event; and



*WHEREAS,*

today the St. Patrick's Day Parade is organized by organizations of Irish decent, including the Irish Network Atlanta and sponsored by The Coca-Cola Company; the St. Patrick's Day Parade is one of the longest running events in Atlanta's history; and



*WHEREAS,*

the 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade marks the 139<sup>th</sup> parade celebrating this special day in Fulton County;

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commends the Atlanta St. Patrick's Day Parade on its 139<sup>th</sup> anniversary of celebrating civic pride and cultural appreciation, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, March 11, 2023 as "**ATLANTA ST. PATRICK'S PARADE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

*Fulton County Board of Commissioners*

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Chair to the Commission

Attest:

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Clerk to the Commission

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