

# Proclamation



*WHEREAS,*

Cable News Network, famously known as CNN, officially launched on Sunday, June 1, 1980 at 6p.m. Eastern Time with an original staff of 300 employees based at its headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia and bureaus in Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C.; and



*WHEREAS,*

CNN was the world's first twenty-four hour cable television news channel and became a dominant force in national and international journalism; and



*WHEREAS,*

CNN was founded by Georgia businessman Ted Turner through his company, Turner Broadcasting System, and he predicted that CNN would represent the greatest achievement in the history of journalism; and



*WHEREAS,*

by 1995, CNN has bureaus around the world and more than 2,500 employees on its editorial staff; and



*WHEREAS,*

CNN has been instrumental in changing the way millions of people get their news, and Ted Turner promised that CNN won't be signing off until the world ends, and even that event will be broadcast live; and



*WHEREAS,*

on June 1, 2023, more than 500 current and former employees of CNN gathered in front of the iconic red letters at the CNN Center in Atlanta for a historic photo to commemorate the anniversary of CNN's launch;



***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,*** That the Fulton County Board Of Commissioners recognizes CNN for its cultural impact and its coverage of every major world event since 1980, and does hereby proclaim Thursday, June 1, 2023 as "**CNN APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

*Fulton County Board of Commissioners*

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Commissioner

Attest:

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Clerk to the Commission

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