

# Proclamation



*WHEREAS,* Fulton County Government has a vision of creating a positive, diverse community with a thriving economy, safe neighborhoods, healthy residents, and a rich quality of life that all people can enjoy; and



*WHEREAS,* through the collaboration of two of its unique agencies, the Department of Senior Services and the Arts & Culture Department, Senior Services art instructors and senior artists will be recognized for their artistry and impact on the lives of others; and



*WHEREAS,* both agencies manage and operate facilities where meaningful art-centered activities are provided and thereby create positive cognitive experiences, enhance communication, and reduce isolation; and



*WHEREAS,* research indicates that the aging brain responds well to art; and the ability to use one's creativity throughout a lifetime and the years of accumulated knowledge and life experiences help to cultivate the aging, creative brain; and



*WHEREAS,* the mission of the Fulton County Department of Arts and Culture is to ensure all citizens' access to the arts, and the mission of the Department of Senior Services is to improve the quality of life for older adults through the development and coordination of programs and supportive services that encourage independence and enhance overall well-being for seniors, their caregivers and the community we serve; and



*WHEREAS,* these two agencies have curated a visual arts exhibition, entitled "Living Out Loud" featured in the Peachtree Gallery and developed support programming to be presented between August 21 and December 29, 2017;



*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,* That the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County honors the contributions of older adults, their talents, skills and artistic creativity, and offers its commitment to continue highlighting services and programs that support healthy aging, and does hereby proclaim September 6, 2017, as "SENIOR SERVICES AND ARTS & CULTURE COLLABORATION DAY" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

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Commissioner



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Clerk to the Commission

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