

A Proclamation

Whereas, DeKalb County Government proudly joins in the grand opening celebration of the African Textile Museum on the campus of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church; and

Whereas, the collaboration of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church with high-fashion designer Queen Ahneva Ahneva, and renowned abstract artist and contemporary expressionist Cecil Bernard will serve to enrich DeKalb County and metropolitan Atlanta; and

Whereas, the opening of this museum is an opportunity for the residents of DeKalb County to learn about the expansive history of Africa as showcased and told through the rich, tapestry of African textiles; and

Whereas, DeKalb County Government is pleased to welcome the African Textile Museum to DeKalb County and work toward our shared goal of providing cultural experiences and context that help individuals, families and communities thrive.

Now, therefore, I, CEO Michael L. Thurmond, on behalf of DeKalb County and its more than 780,000 citizens, do hereby proclaim February 24, 2024, as “African Textile Museum Day” in DeKalb County.

Proclaimed, this 24th day of February 2024.