

RESOLUTION NO. 25-08-026

SPONSORED BY: Commissioners Jessica Hannah, Jared Anderson, Mike Akard, Robbie Bennett, Dyran Bledsoe, Brad Bowers, Nick Bright, Quentin Caldwell, Rick Carver, Mike Caylor, Misty Davis, Ron French, John E. Giles, Jessica Hannah, Jeff Jopling, Scott King, Staci Martin, Earl McMahan, Steve Mikels, Dawn Reagan, Linda Webb, and David Wells

PROCLAMATION HONORING GENEVA WILLIAMS HARRISON

Whereas, Geneva Williams Harrison, age 84, was born in Alcoa, Tennessee, on June 9, 1941, to Richard Williams, Sr. and Gertrude Williams; and

Whereas, Geneva, a proud 1959 graduate of Charles M. Hall High School, was a charter member of the Charles M. Hall Alumni Association and was President of the organization for many years; and

Whereas, Geneva committed her life to public service. She retired from the City of Maryville Fire Department in 2006 after 21 years, with a total of 34 years of service with the City. She served on the board of the American Red Cross, the Blount County Library Foundation Board, and as president of the Blount County Historic Trust. Geneva was also a volunteer and mentor at the Martin Luther King Center in Alcoa; and

Whereas, Geneva attended the Republican National Conventions as an alternate delegate in Philadelphia 2000; New York City 2004; and St. Paul, Minnesota 2008; and

Whereas, Geneva was the first African American female to serve as a Blount County Commissioner. On February 20, 2003, she was appointed to serve the 2nd District in Seat A, and was elected in 2006 and 2010. She was a member of the Blount County Planning Commission, and was an impactful voice on several boards and committees in Blount County; and

Whereas, one of Geneva's passions was working with children. She devoted much of her time after retirement to substitute teaching in the Blount County Schools system. She was a faithful member of New Vision Ministries Church of God in Christ, and took great joy in traveling to the Church's conferences.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Blount County Board of Commissioners along with Mayor Ed Mitchell hereby wishes to honor the exceptional life and legacy of Geneva Williams Harrison and asks the citizens of Blount County to join in extending their sympathy to her beloved family and legions of friends and admirers on this ___ day of _____, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this proclamation shall be made a part of the official records of the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

County Mayor

Date

- ☐ Approved
☐ Vetoed