

**CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES  
MARLA J. THOMPSON  
FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVISM**

- WHEREAS:** Marla J. Thompson is a native of St. Paul, Minneapolis and a current resident of the Red Gate Subdivision located in Riverdale, Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Marla J. Thompson earned a Bachelor's Degree from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She has an MBA from Regis University with an emphasis in International Marketing and is currently pursuing a PHD in Business from Columbia Southern University; and
- WHEREAS:** Marla J. Thompson was appointed in 2008 as Special Events Coordinator II at Life University, reporting to the Marketing Communications and Publications Department; and
- WHEREAS:** Marla demonstrates a vast knowledge for strategic marketing, formally contracted with the Atlanta Veteran's Administration Medical Center where she was responsible for providing image branding and leadership outreach. Marla has also worked for the Atlanta Community Food Bank, the Morehouse School of Medicine, and the Corporate Headquarters of Avon Products, Inc.; and
- WHEREAS:** Marla is active in the Public Relations Society of America, Hospitality Industry Professionals (HIP), the Society of Government Meeting Planners, and the Atlanta Business League; and
- WHEREAS:** Marla J. Thompson is currently the President of her Home Owners Association and is passionate about entrepreneurship. She plays an important role in the lives of the leaders of tomorrow, serving as a Professor at Life University in Marietta, Georgia teaching Principles of Marketing, Introduction to Business, Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility, and International Management; now
- THEREFORE:** I, WOLE RALPH, Commissioner, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and honor Marla J. Thompson for her commitment and dedication to the community. Her vision and desire to impact the community will have a lasting and remarkable impression.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year two thousand twelve.

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Wole Ralph, Commissioner