

**CLAYTON COUNTY HONORS
OLDEST TUSKEGEE AIRMAN
BREW O. GRAHAM**

- WHEREAS:** Tuskegee Airmen Inc. (TAI) is a non-profit national organization that supports young men and women pursuing excellence, paying special attention to those interested in careers in aviation, technology and aerospace; and
- WHEREAS:** Tuskegee Airmen Inc. is dedicated to keeping alive the history, achievements, and the importance of the original Tuskegee Airmen. Dedicated and determined young men who volunteered to become America's first black military airmen; and
- WHEREAS:** There are currently more than 50 active chapters of TAI located in major cities and military installations throughout the United States. The membership of TAI consists of civilians and veterans, as well as military personnel from all branches of the service; and
- WHEREAS:** Riverdale, Georgia is home to one of the great veterans and Tuskegee Airman, Brew Graham; and
- WHEREAS:** Brew Graham was born in Greenwood, Mississippi on February 20, 1915 and served overseas during WW II as an airplane mechanic with the 99th Fighter Squadron, and later with the 332nd Fighter Group, also known as the "Red Tails"; and
- WHEREAS:** Brew Graham was a qualified engine and plane mechanic, supervising and inspecting the work of assigned mechanics and tested the planes by taxiing them around the field before they were approved to fly again; and
- WHEREAS:** Brew Graham is honored today in recognition of the significant and historic role he played as a dedicated and proud veteran. He bravely accomplished a distinct time in history, overcoming many obstacles and challenges. At the remarkable age of 97 years old, Brew Graham is the oldest-living Tuskegee Airman and is celebrated for his commitment, perseverance, and lifetime achievements; now
- THEREFORE:** I, ELDRIN BELL, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim August 7, 2012 as Brew Graham Day in Clayton County, Georgia in recognition and tribute to a heroic and fearless Tuskegee Airman.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 7th day of August in the year two thousand twelve.

Eldrin Bell, Chairman