

**CLAYTON COUNTY WELCOMES  
THE 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HBCU  
NATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP**

- WHEREAS:** Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) National Tennis Tournament began twelve years ago for men and women tennis teams of several colleges who compete over a three-day period for the title of National Champion; and
- WHEREAS:** The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual HBCU National Tennis Championship will take place September 27-29, 2012 at the Clayton County Tennis Center at International Park, under the direction of Premier Sports Facility Management; and
- WHEREAS:** Top schools competing in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual HBCU National Tennis Championship represent NCAA Division I, II and NAIA tennis programs and are expected to bring the largest field of participants with the best talent to compete for this year's National Championship titles; and
- WHEREAS:** The annual tournament will feature a Welcoming Mixer on Thursday, a Pro-Amateur Double Tennis Mixer on Friday, and a Junior Tennis Clinic on Saturday. Tennis enthusiasts will experience 70 matches per day during the three day competition and over 140 athletes competing for covenant titles and a monetary prize for their respective schools; and
- WHEREAS:** Signature events such as a College Mixer and a High School Clinic, intend to engage athletes while providing spectators with live music and a festive atmosphere. The College Mixer partners local tennis players with college athletes to compete in a doubles match and the High School Clinic allows athletes in and around the County to showcase their tennis skills in front of attending Collegiate Coaches in anticipation of scholarship opportunities; and
- WHEREAS:** Clayton County is honored to host this prestigious and national tournament at the Clayton County Tennis Center at International Park and encourages all members of the community to attend the events and show their support for all athletes; now
- THEREFORE:** I, SONNA SINGLETON, Commissioner, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby welcome the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual HBCU National Tennis Championship to Clayton County, Georgia. I urge all citizens to join me in acknowledging this world class tournament hosted at the County's state of the art Tennis Center at International Park in partnership with Premier Sports Facility Management.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year two thousand twelve.

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Sonna Singleton, Commissioner