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Proclamation

Mayor Keshia Stewart Ford, on behalf of the Town of Woodville, Mississippi, joins MTC/Wilkinson County Correctional Facility (WCCF), and the citizens of Wilkinson County in recognizing the life history and contributions of Civil Rights Pioneer

Joan Trumpauer Mulholland.

WHEREAS, Joan Trumpauer Mulholland was born on September 14, 1941 in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Mulholland was a civil rights pioneer, having participated in numerous historic nonviolent demonstrations and campaigns, including the Freedom Rides, the Jackson Woolworth's Sit-in, the March on Washington, the Meredith March, and the Selma to Montgomery March; and

WHEREAS, Mulholland suffered beatings and incarcerations for her activism and was hunted down by the Klan for execution; and

WHEREAS, Mulholland's Freedom Rider mugshot is recognized as one of the most iconic images in American history; and

WHEREAS, Mulholland has crossed paths with some of the most prominent leaders in the Civil Rights Movement, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Medgar Evers, Fannie Lou Hamer, John Lewis, Diane Nash and Julian Bond, among others; and

WHEREAS, Mulholland's story has been featured in award-winning documentaries, including "An Ordinary Hero," PBS's "Freedom Riders," "Standing on My Sister's Shoulders," and the groundbreaking film "Eyes on the Prize"; and

WHEREAS, Mulholland has been honored as the recipient of many awards, including the 2015 National Civil Rights Museum Freedom Award, the 2019 International Civil Rights Museum Trailblazer Award, and the 2018 "I Am a Man" Award, among others; and

WHEREAS, Mulholland, a graduate of Tougaloo College, received the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Annual Award of Honor and the Anti-Defamation League Annual Heroes Against Hate Award; and

WHEREAS, Mulholland travels throughout the nation to educate young people about the Civil Rights Movement and how they can make a difference in their own respective communities; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of Woodville, Mississippi, formally acknowledge Joan Trumpauer Mulholland's contributions as a civil rights pioneer, a heroic fighter for freedom and justice, and an important figure in the history of the state of Mississippi, and approve the request by the Anne Moody History Project and the MTC/Wilkinson County Correctional Facility, to present her with the Key to the City in the Town of Woodville.

SO RESOLVED this the 17th day of September, 2019.



Keshia Stewart Ford
Mayor

Attest:

Paula Adams
Clerk