



WHEREAS: Westley Wallace "W. W." Law was born in Savannah, Georgia, on January 1, 1923; and

WHEREAS: W. W. Law served in the U.S. Army during World War II, was a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service for forty-six years, was commander of the William P. Jordan Post 500 of the American Legion, and gave twenty-five years of service as a troop leader for the Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS: W. W. Law served as president of the Savannah NAACP Youth Council and then served twenty-six years as president of the Savannah Branch of the NAACP during which time he helped shepherd Savannah through the Civil Rights Movement, leading peaceful, nonviolent integration of public places; and

WHEREAS: W. W. Law raised awareness of Savannah's African American history and culture, establishing the Savannah-Yamacraw Branch of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, the King-Tisdell Cottage Museum, the Beach Institute Historic Neighborhood Association, the Beach Institute African American Cultural Center, the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum, and the Negro Heritage Trail Tour; and

WHEREAS: W. W. Law helped preserve, identify, or mark significant historical sites and structures in Savannah including the Laurel Grove South Cemetery, Beach Institute Historic Neighborhood, Nicholsonboro Baptist Church, and First Bryan Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS: W. W. Law served as a member of the Georgia Heritage Trust Commission, Georgia National Register Review Board, Commission on Preservation of the State Capitol, and Chatham-Savannah Historic Sites & Monuments Commission; and

WHEREAS: During his lifetime, W. W. Law was recognized by the Historic Savannah Foundation, the Georgia Trust and the National Trust for Historic Preservation for his leadership in the field of historic preservation; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of W. W. Law Preservation Week is to celebrate the historic preservation contributions of W. W. Law to Savannah's cultural and architectural history.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eddie Wayne DeLoach, Mayor of the City of Savannah, do hereby recognize the historic preservation contributions of Westley Wallace Law to the Savannah community and proclaim September 19 through 23, 2016 as:

"W. W. Law Preservation Week"

in the City of Savannah, Georgia.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Savannah, Georgia to be affixed.

This 15th day of September, 2016

Eddie Wayne DeLoach
MAYOR

Spencer C. Reese
ATTEST
Clerk of Council

