

WHEREAS: The American Labor Movement was born by workers coming to fight for equality and social justice in their workplace. These struggles resulted in better wages, reasonable hours of work and safer working conditions for all workers; and

WHEREAS: The American Labor Movement led the fight to end child labor, end Women's Suffrage and secure Women's Right to Vote; and

WHEREAS: The American Labor Movement was a major force in passing legislation that impacted all workers. These include Minimum Wage, the Civil Rights Act and Title VII, Occupational Safety and Health Act, and Family Medical Leave Act; and

WHEREAS: The American Labor Movement fought to secure employer- based health benefits and retirement; and

WHEREAS: The American Labor Movement fought so workers injured on the job were provided aid; and

WHEREAS: All workers are the beneficiaries of the Labor Movement's accomplishments which includes weekends, establishment of the 8-hour work week, the concept of extra pay for working overtime, sick leave, paid vacations, and days off on Holidays; and

WHEREAS: The American Labor Movement is represented in southeast Georgia by the Savannah Regional Central Labor Council AFL-CIO; and

WHEREAS: International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees Local 320, International Association of Machinists Local 23, Brotherhood of Boilermakers Local 26, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 474, United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 188 and United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 256 have each been in Savannah for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS: Savannah landmarks like City Hall, Cathedral of St. John, Jepson Center, Memorial Hospital, St. Joseph's Candler Hospitals, Railroad Roundhouse, Savannah Civic Center and Oglethorpe Mall are a few that were built by Organized Labor Building Trades Unions with US DOL registered and certified Training Programs.

*NOW, THEREFORE, I Van R. Johnson, II, Mayor of the City of Savannah, do hereby proclaim
September 4th - September 10th, 2022*

"Savannah Labor Week "

in the City of Savannah, Georgia and encourage all citizens to recognize the accomplishments and contributions benefitting all workers and the Savannah community from the Savannah Regional Central Labor Council's efforts and initiatives constantly seeking equality and economic justice.