

PROCLAMATION DECLARING FIRE CHIEF CHARLES G. MIDDLETON DAY

WHEREAS: Charles G. Middleton joined Savannah Fire & Emergency Services on August 7, 2006, as Fire Chief; and

WHEREAS: He brought with him 42 years of fire experience; including roles as an innovative leader at fire departments in Ft. Myer, Va.; Arlington County, Va.; and Orange County, Fla.; and

WHEREAS: Chief Middleton brought much needed reform, growth and professionalism to Savannah Fire; and

WHEREAS: His vision and leadership resulted in Savannah Fire becoming an ISO Class 1 agency with international accreditation; and

WHEREAS: During his service as Chief, firefighters of every rank earned national professional certification and the Arson Unit became a state certified agency; and

WHEREAS: Chief Middleton constructed a fire training academy and five fire stations to the FEMA standard for critical facilities; and

WHEREAS: Under his leadership Savannah Fire developed its first public safety driver program, its first emergency management program; its first strategic plan, its first career development plan, its first safety, health and wellness plans, and its first education standards for promotion; and

WHEREAS: He insisted on service excellence and introduced community risk reduction and fire suppression services, which saved precious lives and valuable property in the City of Savannah; and

WHEREAS: Chief Middleton officially retires January 1, 2019, after 12 years of outstanding dedication and meritorious service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eddie W. DeLoach, Mayor of the City of Savannah, do hereby proclaim December 20, 2018 as:

“Fire Chief Charles G. Middleton Day”

In Savannah, Georgia.

By: _____

Eddie DeLoach, Mayor

Date: _____

Attest: _____

Date _____

Luciana Spracher, CMC

