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## **Mayor-elect Willie T. Edmondson to be Sworn into Office Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> on Lafayette Square, First Black Mayor in City's History**

**Atlanta, Ga. March 22, 2023** – Mayor-elect Willie T. Edmondson will be officially sworn into office as LaGrange Mayor Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in Lafayette Square. Edmondson won the Mayoral Special Election Tuesday evening. In the event of inclement weather, the swearing-in will be held Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The public is encouraged to attend.



Mayor-Elect Dr. Willie T. Edmondson

Edmondson will be the first Black Mayor in the history of the City of LaGrange. “I want to take my oath of office on Lafayette Square to show the young people of the community that you can achieve anything you put your mind to,” said Mayor-elect Edmondson. “I plan to represent everyone in LaGrange and am honored they are putting their trust in me to lead our wonderful community.”

Edmondson served as LaGrange city councilman for twenty-four years before being elected Mayor. He was first elected as a city councilman in 1998 and during his tenure helped to bring important economic and community development projects to LaGrange including Great Wolf Lodge, The Thread Trail, the Downtown Corridor, and the Griggs Recreational Center, among others. Dr. Edmondson began his career in the healthcare profession as a nurse at City-County Hospital, now Wellstar West Georgia Medical Center. He then pursued a career in the Christian Ministry and currently is the Senior Pastor at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Dr. Edmondson also owns Lakes-Dunson-Robertson Funeral Home.

“I am grateful for all who supported me. I’m going to work hard for all of LaGrange to make sure everyone is represented,” said Edmondson. “It is an honor to be elected Mayor and I do not take this position lightly.”

**WHO:** Mayor-elect Willie T. Edmondson

**WHAT:** Swearing in as Mayor

**WHEN:** Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 5PM

**WHERE:** Lafayette Square

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