

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

D.R.E.S. Tha Beatnik was a dynamic event host, emcee, human beatboxer, hip-hop advocate, and champion of independent artists who helped create opportunities that elevated Atlanta's independent hip-hop community; and



WHEREAS,

D.R.E.S. Tha Beatnik was born Andre Karim Lett in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and made Atlanta his home after enrolling at Clark Atlanta University in 1991, quickly becoming an enduring fixture of the city's underground and independent music scene; and



WHEREAS,

D.R.E.S. Tha Beatnik possessed a unique ability to make every person he encountered feel welcomed, inspired, and connected through the universal language of music and culture; and



WHEREAS,

D.R.E.S. Tha Beatnik's legacy lives on through the artists he mentored, the platforms he created, the audiences he inspired, and the communities he united; and



WHEREAS,

the establishment of *Tha Beatnik Fest* as a commemorative celebration is dedicated to preserving his legacy and continuing his lifelong mission of uplifting artists and strengthening community through creativity;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognize D.R.E.S. Tha Beatnik's lifelong dedication to championing hip-hop, empowering independent creatives, and for transforming Atlanta's cultural landscape for future generations of artists, and does hereby proclaim Friday, June 26, 2026, as "**D.R.E.S. THA BEATNIK APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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