

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Damon and Ayanna Johnson are dedicated to making a positive impact on their community through their business ventures which largely began as a tribute to their family's influence and example of entrepreneurship; and



WHEREAS,

Damon began his journey in the restaurant business as General Manager of the BQE Restaurant and Lounge on Edgewood Avenue; he later assumed the role of General Manager at Atlantis Restaurant and Lounge; he later served as Bar Manager at Irby's Tavern and General Manager at the Escobar Restaurant and Tapas Lounge before being promoted to General Manager; and



WHEREAS,

Ayanna left her corporate career and dedicated herself full-time to their burgeoning empire; their first establishment on Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard, Augie's Café, is named in tribute to Damon's late father, Augie Johnson, and later opened a second location, Augie's Breakfast Bar, in addition to the Hibachi Food Truck; and



WHEREAS,

the development of eleven restaurants over a four year period was an immense challenge for the Johnsons; the creation of nine of these restaurants in Georgia presented incredible job opportunities to hundreds of Atlanta residents; and



WHEREAS,

the Johnsons are also the founders of Doe Nation Foundation, but their greatest accomplishment is their family; they are the proud parents of five beloved children: Ashley, Damonta, Damon Jr, Chase, and Chandler;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, in commemoration of International Women's Day, recognizes Damon and Ayanna Johnson for contributions to the culinary landscape of Atlanta and their contributions to the local community, and does hereby proclaim Friday, March 8, 2024 as "**DAMON AND AYANNA JOHNSON APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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