

# Proclamation



*WHEREAS,*

Bennie James Anderson was a native of West Point, Georgia and from an early age, he showcased remarkable musical talent; and



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Bennie's journey into the music industry began in the 1950's where he made a significant impact as an R&B and soul performer; he joined the original Drifters at the age of 19, and later started Bennie Anderson and The Drifters, which remained together for over four decades; and



*WHEREAS,*

The Drifters entertained fans around the world until 2015 and are members of the Vocal Group Hall of Fame, the Songwriters Hall of Fame, the Rhythm & Blues Hall of Fame, and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; the group is among the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time by Rolling Stone magazine; and



*WHEREAS,*

while traveling all over the world, Bennie founded Class and Style Limousine Service, later becoming A-National Limousine Service Inc., one of the largest ground transportation companies in the Southeastern United States; and



*WHEREAS,*

Bennie leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Mrs. Linda Anderson, his sons: Michum, Darrell, Antonio, Grant, and D'Shaun, and his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild;



*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,* That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Bennie Anderson for a life of dedication and passion, and for his contributions to the music industry that will endure for future generations to enjoy, and does hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 20, 2023, as "**BENNIE ANDERSON REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

*Fulton County Board of Commissioners*

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Commissioner

Attest:

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Clerk to the Commission

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