

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Jermaine Dupri is a GRAMMY Award winning songwriter, producer, rapper, entrepreneur, and philanthropist whose artistry has solidified him as one of the original founding fathers of hip-hop culture; and



WHEREAS, Jermaine Dupri grew up in College Park, Georgia, and began his career in 1982 at just nine years old when his father, an Atlanta talent manager, coordinated a Diana Ross show and Jermaine got to dance onstage with Ms. Ross; and



WHEREAS, At age 12, Jermaine Dupri became a dancer for the hip-hop group, Whodini, and began performing around the country with artists including Herbie Hancock, Cameo, Run D.M.C., and Grandmaster Flash; and



WHEREAS, Jermaine Dupri is the Founder and CEO of *So So Def Recordings* and has produced iconic hits for artists including Usher, Da Brat, Destiny's Child, Xscape, and Mariah Carey, among others; and



WHEREAS, Jermaine Dupri has sold over 400 million records to date, is a member of the Songwriters Hall of Fame, and was featured at the GRAMMY Museum with a dedicated exhibit entitled, *Jermaine Dupri & So So Def, 25 Years Of Elevating Culture*; and



WHEREAS, Jermaine Dupri is one of only a few producers in music history to garner four positions in the Top 10 on *Billboard's Hot 100* chart at one time, has the Song of the Decade as one of his credits, and is the first recipient of the Billboard Otis Redding Excellence Award for his achievements both in and outside the studio;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Jermaine Dupri for his many contributions to the music, arts, and entertainment industry, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, September 20, 2025, as "**JERMAINE DUPRI APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



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Attest:

Clerk to the Commission