

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Bill Duke is an award-winning actor, director, producer, and humanitarian whose groundbreaking career spans more than five decades of cultural impact and creative excellence; and



WHEREAS, Bill Duke is a graduate of Dutchess Community College, Boston University, and NYU's Tisch School of the Arts; he also received an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service from Widener University, and served on the Board of Trustees of the American Film Institute; and



WHEREAS, Bill Duke is the recipient of the Directors Guild of America Lifetime Achievement Tribute and a Hollywood Walk of Fame Star, Duke is celebrated for iconic performances in *Car Wash*, *Predator*, *Commando*, *Black Lightning*, and *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*, and for directing landmark films including *Deep Cover*, *A Rage in Harlem*, *The Killing Floor*, and *Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit*; and



WHEREAS, Bill Duke is Founder and CEO of Duke Media, Younite Network, and the Duke Media Foundation; through these ventures, Bill maintains his commitment to mentoring creatives and expanding access to the art of storytelling, media education, and financial literacy; and



WHEREAS, Bill Duke was appointed by United States President Bill Clinton to the National Endowment for the Humanities, and by former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the California State Film Commission; and



WHEREAS, *The Bill Duke Experience* will tour a cutting-edge, immersive digital exhibition beginning Fall 2026, and the Bill Duke TV Channel is now streaming on the EZ Way Network, featuring empowering programming and fan-favorite films from his career; a new partnership with the JaroGo Network will introduce original and educational content on its platform that embody Bill's bold creative vision and enduring mission to inform, inspire, and uplift;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognize Bill Duke for his outstanding career and contributions to the Arts and Entertainment industry, congratulates him for his ACE Lifetime Achievement Award, and does hereby proclaim Sunday, March 22, 2026, as "**BILL DUKE APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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