

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Dallas Austin was born and raised in Columbus, Georgia and is one of the most successful producers in the music industry; he has established a prolific career as a multi-instrumentalist, songwriter, entrepreneur, DJ, philanthropist, and film producer; and



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WHEREAS,

Dallas has produced and collaborated with many chart-topping artists and has over 50 *Billboard* Hot 100 hits and 17 Top Tens to his credit, and a multitude of awards including a GRAMMY® Award in the category of *Best R&B Album*, and the “*Beacon Award*” from the *Independent Media Artists of Georgia*; Dallas is also the recipient of the National Black Arts Festival *Trailblazer in the Arts Award*; and



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WHEREAS,

Dallas is also an inductee into the *Songwriters Hall of Fame*, and he has been honored by the *Black Music Honors*, The National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, and by the Georgia Music Hall of Fame as a 2006 inductee; and



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WHEREAS,

Dallas has also produced two successful feature films based on his experiences growing up in Georgia during the 1980’s; *Drumline* in 2002 and *ATL* in 2006, both films grossing \$100 million-plus worldwide; and



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WHEREAS,

Dallas encouraged the passage of a Georgia tax incentive for production in the Peach State, and spoke at the 2001 G8 Summit about the importance of making films in Georgia, and his influence was instrumental in helping get the incentive passed; the incentive known as the Georgia Entertainment Industry Investment Act has catapulted Georgia’s film industry to become a global leader with \$4.4 billion in direct spending in the state last year alone; and



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WHEREAS,

the Dallas Austin Foundation implements music education programs and builds studios in public schools, and his newest venture, Dallas Austin Distribution, is a digital music distribution company, simply called D.A.D.;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Dallas Austin for his iconic career and contributions to the arts and culture industry, and applauds his induction onto the Black Music & Entertainment Walk of Fame, and does hereby proclaim Thursday, October 26, 2023 as “**DALLAS AUSTIN APPRECIATION DAY**” in Fulton County, Georgia.



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Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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