

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Roderick Barber, professionally known as Wicked, is a recording artist, actor, podcast journalist, and trap music pioneer, born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia; he is a Billboard charting artist, and one half of the southern hip-hop group, Ghetto Mafia; and



WHEREAS,

Ghetto Mafia made history as the first Atlanta-based rap group to have music videos featured on BET and MTV, signaling a major breakthrough for Southern hip-hop; their debut album, *Draw the Line*, dropped in 1994 and laid the groundwork for their future success; and



WHEREAS,

Ghetto Mafia followed up with several more impactful releases, including the self-produced *Straight from the Dec*, which reached #49 on Billboard's Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums chart and #17 on the Top Heatseekers chart. The album featured their first charting single, *I Can Feel It*, which made waves on both the R&B and rap charts; their most commercially successful project, *On da Grind*, climbed to #169 on the Billboard 200, cementing Ghetto Mafia's legacy in Southern rap history; and



WHEREAS,

Today, Wicked co-hosts one of the biggest music and entertainment podcasts in the country, BHIGHTV, with Brian "B High" Hightower, interviewing the biggest rap legends and icons in the entertainment industry; and



WHEREAS,

Wicked is launching new music and film projects, while spearheading his own podcast, The Wicked Truth, where he brings his unfiltered perspective to the mic, continuing to shape the culture he helped create:



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Wicked for more than 30 years of dedicated service and contributions to the arts and entertainment industry in Atlanta and beyond, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, July 30, 2025, as **"RODERICK WICKED BARBER APPRECIATION DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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