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Jermaine Dupri was raised in Atlanta, Georgia and is one of the most successful producers in the music industry and has established a prolific career as a hip-hop artist, awardwinning producer, songwriter, author, DJ, and businessman; and

in 1991, Jermaine produced and wrote the quadruple-platinum *Totally Krossed Out* for hip teen duo Kris Kross, and 1993, he established his own record label, So So Def Recordings; and

Jermaine has changed the course of R&B and hip-hop music throughout an illustrious career earmarked by some of the most recognizable hit songs of all-time, and he is the undisputed Godfather of the Atlanta hip-hop music scene; and

Jermaine delivered his own bona fide classic with his platinum-certified full-length debut LP, *Life In 1472*, which rose to #1 on the Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums Chart with his classic anthem, *Money Ain't A Thang*; and

the GRAMMY® award-winning songwriter and producer is the second rapper inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame, and the GRAMMY® Museum paid homage to So So Def with a dedicated exhibit entitled *Jermaine Dupri & So So Def, 25 Years Of Elevating Culture*; and

Jermaine 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, and has the Song of the Decade as one of his credits; he has also been honored with an ASCAP Golden Note Award, and he was inducted into the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame, and he is the first recipient of the Billboard Otis & Zelma Redding Award of Excellence for his achievements both in and outside the music studio;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Jermaine Dupri 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 "JERMAINE DUPRI APPRECIATION DAY" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

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Clerk to the Commission