

Proclamation

WHEREAS,



The South African Women's Alliance(SAWA) is a 501(c)(3) organization established in 2014 by the vision of entrepreneur and philanthropist Maloase Mogodi, and began as an organization to celebrate South African women trailblazers who have created opportunities for other courageous South African women that worked to bring democracy and peace to post-apartheid South Africa; and

WHEREAS,



SAWA's mission is to provide education, scholarships, tools, and technology to schools that serve impoverished children in the Atlanta metropolitan area; create a friendly and comfortable environment for leadership training, economic empowerment and cultural exchanges; provide workshops and services to global corporations and entrepreneurs; and facilitate cultural exchanges between sister countries and organizations; and

WHEREAS,



SAWA pays tribute and recognizes the accomplishments of living legends during its Annual South African National Women's Day Atlanta Gala; and

WHEREAS,



at this year's 10th anniversary gala, SAWA pays tribute to American actor and philanthropist, Louis Cameron Gossett, Jr., whose enduring commitment to the people of Fulton County has left an indelible mark on countless citizens; and

WHEREAS,



the Academy Award winning actor and cultural ambassador was born in Brooklyn, New York and has made Atlanta his home; his willingness to use his platform and influence to highlight South African stories and experiences has showcased the richness of our culture to a global audience and will endure for future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Lou Gossett, Jr. for his contributions to the entertainment industry, and to the advancement of human rights, justice, and the pursuit of a better world, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, November 4, 2023 as "LOU GOSSETT, JR. APPRECIATION DAY" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Chair to the Commission

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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