

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Edwin Lyons, Jr., professionally known as Mojo, grew up in Atlanta's West End and is a 1982 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School; he made his debut as a rapper the same year; and



WHEREAS,

Mojo's passion for music began when he was six years old and learned to play the drums, and by age 12 he was an accomplished piano player; he went on to play the drums on the Washington High School Marching Band; and



WHEREAS,

Mojo was inspired by the groundbreaking 1979 Sugarhill Gang hit, *Rapper's Delight*; he memorized the lyrics and rapped the song to his fellow classmates at Washington High School, who were all impressed with his performance; and



WHEREAS,

Mojo took his act to the Old Ashby Theatre and turned it into *Mojo's Disco Lounge*; his performances drew crowds from every corner of the city; and



WHEREAS,

Mojo's signature hit song, *Let Mo-Jo Handle It*, became the first rap song by an Atlanta artist to be played on WAOK-AM radio's live broadcast; when artists like Run-DMC and the Fat Boys performed in Atlanta, Mojo was the first choice to open the shows;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, in honor of the 50th Anniversary of Hip Hop, recognizes Edwin "Mojo" Lyons for his many contributions to the music and entertainment industry, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 20, 2023 as "**MOJO APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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