

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Rico Wade was one of three industry geniuses behind the production team of Organized Noize; he is also a songwriter and record producer; and



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Rico was born on February 26, 1972 in Atlanta, Georgia and grew up in East Point; he and his friends, Ray Murray and Sleepy Brown, formed Organized Noize in 1992 and created hits for Atlanta superstar groups OutKast, Goodie Mob, and TLC; and



WHEREAS,

Rico and his team formed the Dungeon Family collective, that includes chart topping artists OutKast, Goodie Mob, Slim Cutta Calhoun, Joi, and others; a few of their hit records include OutKast's *Player's Ball*, TLC's *Waterfalls*, En Vogue's *Don't Let Go*, Ludacris's *Saturday*, and many others; and



WHEREAS,

Organized Noize's success was featured in a Netflix documentary titled "The Art of Organized Noize", directed by Quincy Jones, III and details the formation of the production team and the early days of their Dungeon Family collective; and



WHEREAS,

Rico and Organized Noize are credited with jumpstarting the rise of Southern hip-hop in the early 90's and are known in the music industry as one of the most respected production teams in the history of hip-hop; and



WHEREAS,

in addition to his work in the studio, Rico played a crucial role in nurturing talent within the Atlanta music scene and helped catapult his cousin, Future, to the stratosphere, a testament to his deep-rooted connection to his hometown and his people;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Rico Wade for a life of dedication to the music industry and for solidifying Atlanta's place in the history of hip-hop, and does hereby proclaim Friday, May 9, 2025 as "**RICO WADE REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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