

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Hip-Hop, with its roots in African Griot philosophy, is a global cultural movement genre that originated in the 1970s in New York City; Hip-Hop stands on 4 pillars: DJing, B-boying, Graffiti, and MCing; and



WHEREAS, MCing, or lyricism, is the oral pillar of Hip-Hop, requiring emcees to explore storytelling and social issues, battle rap remains its most raw and challenging form of expression. This competitive art form involves two or more emcees using literary devices, wordplay, and clever rhymes in a verbal showdown, often before a dynamic and opinionated audience known as a rap battle; and



WHEREAS, Lynese “Babs Bunny” Wiley, revered as “The First Lady of the Streets,” has made an indelible mark on the world of battle rap as the only female co-owner and face of Queen of the Ring (QOTR), the first-ever all-female battle-rap league with over 68 million views on YouTube; and



WHEREAS, during her tenure, QOTR stands as an unmatched platform for female emcees to showcase their talents, with no other league able to rival the depth, spirit, history or influence of what Babs Bunny has pioneered; and



WHEREAS, Babs Bunny’s passion, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the culture of battle rap has paved the way for countless women, creating a space where their voices can be heard and respected, reminding the world, with her iconic call of “Give it up for the Ladies,” of the unshakable power of women in the hip-hop industry; and



WHEREAS, her unique vision for "Prom Night" has introduced yet another unprecedented contribution to battle-rap, being the only formal battle-rap affair of its kind in the history of the art form establishing a glamorous and innovative space to celebrate battle-rap culture; and



WHEREAS, Lynese “Babs Bunny” Wiley has chosen unincorporated Fulton county as the location for the 2024 installment of "Prom Night", where we acknowledge her as a trailblazer, a visionary, and a force who will forever have our respect, admiration, and support;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Lynese “Babs Bunny” Wiley as a trailblazer, a visionary, and a force in the music industry, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, September 28th, 2024, as “**BABS BUNNY’S PROM NIGHT**” in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Vice Chair to the Commission

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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