

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Dewayne Crowder is the founder and Executive Director of A Vision 4 Hope, Inc., a non-profit organization that is one of the first to be both a community and a faith-based organization in the South Fulton area; and



WHEREAS,

Dwayne established the organization to provide family counseling, a food pantry, mobile HIV testing, and status-neutral transitional housing that provides a safe haven for the LGBTQIA+ community; and



WHEREAS,

Dewayne devised clinically sound protocols for immediate access treatment and care for HIV and STIs, irrespective of insurance status; and



WHEREAS,

Dewayne operates and owns Atlanta's only black gay enclave; this unique space serves as a community lounge, offering a place where individuals can party with a purpose, while also offering testing, medication pick-ups, harm reduction tools, and vaccine administration to combat the stigma often associated with visiting sexual health clinics; and



WHEREAS,

Dewayne has been recognized locally, regionally, and nationally as a leader in the field of HIV and sexual health prevention, lauded for his comprehensive solutions to the challenges brought on by HIV, STIs, and the disparities caused by them;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Dewayne Crowder, in observance of Black Pride Month, for his leadership and dedication to the LGBTQIA+ community, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, September 6, 2023 as "**DEWAYNE CROWDER APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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