

# Proclamation



*WHEREAS,*

Bartow "Randy" Bell was born in 1944 in Ailey, Georgia and developed an interest in cutting hair from observing his uncle who was a barber; by high school, he cut his friends' hair, and after graduating from Montgomery County High School, he relocated to Atlanta in 1963 to attend Brown's Barber College on Auburn Avenue; and



*WHEREAS,*

Ms. Irma "Dee-Dee" Prim was born in 1957 in Daytona Beach, Florida and moved to Atlanta in 1978 to attend school; she was introduced to Randy Bell in 1978 by their mutual friend, Larry, and in 1980, they were married; and



*WHEREAS,*

Randy and Irma, a master cosmetologist, formed Hair Masters, Inc. in 1982 in the Westgate Shopping Center on MLK, Jr. Drive, one of first unisex salons in the area; and



*WHEREAS,*

Randy and Dee Dee expanded their empire in 1987 by opening another unisex beauty and barber location on Campbellton Road, followed by the Boyz II Men Barbershop; this location groomed aspiring talent through apprenticeship opportunities and night school classes required by law to obtain state license; and



*WHEREAS,*

Randy opened a Hair Masters Beauty & Barber Shop on Glenwood Ave. in the Eastlake Meadows community, and another unisex salon on Bankhead Highway; he opened his fifth and final salon, Hair Masters, Inc. Barber Shop, on Campbellton Road in the Westridge Shopping plaza in 1992, where he afforded his youngest two sons their first taste of entrepreneurial experience with day to day roles as barber-managers; and



*WHEREAS,*

Randy and Dee Dee are the proud parents of eight children and grandparents of six, most of whom were raised in the family business, in roles ranging from receptionists, shampoo assistants, and barbers;



***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,*** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Randy and Dee Dee Bell for their entrepreneurial spirit and contributions to the business community in Southwest Atlanta and Fulton County, and does hereby proclaim Tuesday, December 19, 2023 as "**RANDY AND DEE DEE BELL APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

*Fulton County Board of Commissioners*

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Commissioner

Attest:

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Clerk to the Commission

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