

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,**

The Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association (BESLA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is nationally recognized leader in legal education and professional development within the United States for lawyers and professionals in the entertainment, sports, and related industries; and



**WHEREAS,**

a group of notable African-American attorneys met in Philadelphia during the First Annual Black Music Association Conference, and identified a need to establish an ongoing learning and networking environment for African-American attorneys in the entertainment industry; and



**WHEREAS,**

Black professionals like Muhammad Ali, Dizzy Gillespie, Ella Fitzgerald, Thurgood Marshall, and Hank Aaron, all fought uphill battles for fair and equitable treatment, and the rights of others, like themselves, who did not have the celebrity, platform or voice to call attention to their respective struggles; and



**WHEREAS,**

the mission of BESLA has always been to advance the excellence of professionals in the entertainment, sports, and related industries; prior to BESLA, artists, athletes, lawyers, and professionals of color in the sports, entertainment, and legal professions were exceptions to the rule; and



**WHEREAS,**

BESLA now supports law students and recent law school graduates through legal education programs, mentoring, and internship opportunities, and awards financial scholarships to deserving law students that are seeking careers in the entertainment, sports and related industries;



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyers Association for providing industry opportunities to Black lawyers in the highly competitive fields of entertainment and sports, and does hereby proclaim Thursday, May 29, 2025, as "**BLACK ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS LAWYERS ASSOCIATION APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

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Commissioner

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dana R. Davis", written over a horizontal line.  
Clerk to the Commission

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