

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Walt “Clyde” Frazier is National Basketball Association legend who led the New York Knicks to the franchise’s only two championships in 1970 and 1973; and



WHEREAS,

Walt was born the eldest of nine children and attended David Tobias Howard High School in Atlanta and accepted an offer from Southern Illinois University to play basketball, becoming one of the top collegiate players in the country and was named a Division II All-American in 1964 and 1965; and



WHEREAS,

Walt was drafted fifth overall by the New York Knicks in 1967 and averaged 9.0 points per game, earning him a position on the NBA All-Rookie Team; it was during this time that wore a fedora hat and picked up the nickname “Clyde” after Warren Beatty’s character in the popular 1967 movie “Bonnie and Clyde”; and



WHEREAS,

in addition to his two NBA Championship titles, Walt is a seven-time NBA All-Star player, NBA All-Star Game MVP Player, was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, and was named one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA history; and



WHEREAS,

Walt continued his love of basketball after he retired as an active player by becoming a broadcaster and commentator for telecasts of Knicks games; he was honored in 2021 as one of the league’s greatest players of all time by being named to the NBA 75th Anniversary Team; and



WHEREAS,

the David T. Howard Middle School Administrative Staff and the David T. Howard National Alumni Association, Inc. (DTH NAAI) is dedicating the David T. Howard Middle School Gymnasium/Gym Court in honor of Walt “Clyde” Frazier;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, along with the David T. Howard National Alumni Association, Inc., recognizes Walt Clyde Frazier for his iconic career as a professional basketball player, and for his continued contributions to the sports and entertainment industry, and does hereby proclaim Tuesday, July 19, 2022 as “**WALTER CLYDE FRAZIER APPRECIATION DAY**” in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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