



WHEREAS,

Lawrence Washington, professionally known as "Miss Lawrence", is an actor, singer, cosmetologist, and activist whose sharp eye for style and fashion has made him a household name; and



WHEREAS,

Lawrence is a native of Atlanta, Georgia was a successful hair salon owner for more than 20 years before his acting career took off; and



WHEREAS,

Lawrence was initially hired as a makeup artist in 2008 for the popular Bravo television show, *The Real Housewives of Atlanta*, but his charisma and humor led him to become a recurring presence on the show; he also hosted another popular Bravo series called *Fashion Queens*; and



WHEREAS,

Lawrence's acting career has also included acting roles in the hit shows *Empire* and *Star*, and big screen movies like *The United States vs. Billie Holiday*, *Bros*, and *The Deliverance*; and



WHEREAS,

Lawrence has used his platform to advocate for several causes related to eradicating homophobia and promoting a positive view of the LGBTQ community as it relates to Black lives; he is a board member of the City of Atlanta's LGBTQ Advisory Board, and he works closely with the National Action Network, the Human Rights Campaign, the Ali Forney Center, and the Black AIDS Institute, among several others;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Lawrence Washington for his trailblazing career and advocacy in the local community, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, September 16, 2023 as "LAWRENCE WASHINGTON APPRECIATION DAY" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission