

Proclamation



WHEREAS, Carlos Rico Walker, professionally known as Shawty Lo, was born on March 22, 1976 in Atlanta, Georgia, and earned worldwide fame as an influential Southern rapper, songwriter, and record producer; and



WHEREAS, Shawty Lo grew up in Atlanta Bankhead neighborhood's Bowen Homes community, which he frequently referenced in his music; he founded D4L (Down 4 Life) Record Label in 2000, and in 2003, he formed the Hip Hop group D4L with fellow Atlanta -based rappers Fabio, Mook-B, and Stoney; and



WHEREAS, their debut album, titled *Down 4 Life* was released in November of 2005, and was certified Gold by the Recording Association of America; the group gained national stardom in January 2006 when their single *Laffy Taffy* topped the Billboard Hot 100 and went on to be certified Platinum twice by the Recording Industry Association of America; and



WHEREAS, Shawty Lo began his solo career in 2007 with his debut single, *Dey Know*, from his solo debut album, *Units in the City*, which reached number 14 on the U.S. Billboard 200 chart, and sold over 160,000 copies; this album was followed by four more chart-topping albums; and



WHEREAS, Shawty Lo dropped more than ten mixtapes and 20 singles, including 12 as a featured artist; over the course of his career, he collaborated with notable artists and producers including E-40, Soulja Boy, Juvenile, Gucci Mane, Rich Homie Quan, Birdman, Jim Jones, Rick Ross, Young Jeezy, Lil Wayne, Ludacris, Snoop Dogg, Killer Mike, DJ Khaled, and many more; and



WHEREAS, Shawty Lo will also be remembered for entrepreneurial spirit and business ventures outside of the music industry; he was well known for giving back to his community and supporting local youth initiatives;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Shawty Lo for his legacy of music that will always be a defining sound of Atlanta hip-hop, and his enduring impact on arts and culture around the world, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, March 22, 2025, as **"SHAWTY LO REMEMBRANCE DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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