

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS,**

Waverly T. Lucas, II attended Marygrove College in Detroit, Michigan and earned his M.A. in Ethnochoreology at The Irish World Academy of Music and Dance in Limerick Ireland; after careers with the Dance Theatre of Harlem and the Atlanta Ballet, he joined The Heartstrings National Tour; and



**WHEREAS,**

Waverly has created more than 50 ballets, including full length *Urban Nutcracker*, *The Leopard Tale*, *Jazzy Sleeping Beauty*, *Flyin' West ...the Ballet*, and *Aida* for the Atlanta Opera; he has performed and taught in USSR, West Africa, South America and the West Indies, and performed, taught, and choreographed works for the University of Georgia as Artist in Residence; and



**WHEREAS,**

Waverly's choreography projects include the 1996 Olympic Arts Festival, Lincoln Center Out-of-Doors Concert Series, National Black Arts Festival, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Outreach Program, Dance Africa, and the Danseur Development Project; and



**WHEREAS,**

Waverly and his wife, dancer and choreographer Nena Gilreath, created the Ballethnic Dance Company located in East Point, Georgia, in January 1990, and he is the creator of Ballethnicize, an evolving dance/fitness discipline that combines African dance styles with classical ballet, and *Jazzin' a Memoir in Jazz*, a ballet commissioned by the Breman Museum to celebrate the iconic photos of the late Herbert Snitzer, renowned photojournalist; and



**WHEREAS,**

Waverly is the recipient of many awards and accolades including the Princess Grace Scholarship, McPheeter's Medallion Award, National Choreographers Award, TBS Trumpet Award as Dancer/Choreographer, the Lexus Leaders of the Arts by Georgia Public Broadcasting, and the Charles Loidans Award;



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Waverly T. Lucas, II for his dedication to the art of dance and for his contributions to the arts and culture community, and does hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 13, 2023 as "**WAVERLY T. LUCAS, II 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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