

Proclamation



FULTON
COUNTY

WHEREAS,

Melba Moore is multi-talented American singer, actress, mother, businesswoman, and recipient of several awards and honors over her illustrious career of more than five decades; and



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WHEREAS,

Beatrice Melba Hill was born in New York City and raised in a musical family; her mother was a singer and her stepfather was a jazz pianist; and



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WHEREAS,

Melba Moore began her performing career in 1967 as Dionne in the original cast of the Broadway musical, *Hair*, and in 1970, she won a *Tony Award* for Best Performance by a Featured Actress in a Musical for her performance in *Purlie*, making her the first Black actress to win the coveted award; she was also the first African American woman to replace a white actress in a lead role on Broadway; and



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WHEREAS,

Melba Moore recorded more than 25 studio albums and is a multi-Grammy Award nominee; she is also the recipient of the 2012 Atlanta Black Theatre Festival's Theatre Legend Award. In 2015, she was inducted into the Official Rhythm & Blues Music Hall of Fame and received the prestigious Sandy Hosey Lifetime Achievement Award; and



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WHEREAS,

Melba Moore holds the record for the longest studio-recorded note by a female singer at 36 seconds in her 1982 song, *The Other Side of the Rainbow*; and



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WHEREAS,

Melba Moore received her Star on The Hollywood Walk of Fame in 2023 and continues to dazzle her loyal fans with her powerful four-octave vocal range; she is the true embodiment of the event's theme, *Music Heals the World*;



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Melba Moore for her stellar career on Broadway, film, television, and as a recording artist, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, August 30, 2025 as “**MELBA MOORE APPRECIATION DAY**” in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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