

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Shar Bates is an award-winning community advocate who creates non-profits, and builds generational wealth through advocacy, music, wellness and edutainment as a Master Host including television, radio, and special events; and



WHEREAS,

a native of Flint, Michigan, Shar founded *Breaking the Chains* in 2011, a non-profit where she has spoken to over 500,000 students and launched several mentor programs that have raised school and program attendance by over 30% for middle and high school students; and



WHEREAS,

Shar launched her own Creative Community Center with a full recording studio for teens in Atlanta, a gaming suite, and a production and event space for adults via Shar Bates Studios, with a focus on youth entrepreneurship; and



WHEREAS,

Shar created *Garden of Hip Hop*, the 1st family friendly hip hop festival catered towards hip hop going green; she has hosted *Healing through Music and Creative Experiences*, conducting teen talent showcases and summer music programs at Morehouse College for young adults; and



WHEREAS,

Shar was a featured cast member on the nationally syndicated show *Copwatch America* on BET Africa & BET France, and she has been featured on several television networks and publications including BET, MSNBC, Fox, CNN, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and many others;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Shar Bates for her journalistic integrity and community advocacy, and does hereby proclaim Thursday, May 29, 2025, as “**SHAR BATES APPRECIATION DAY**” in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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