

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Derek Watkins, professionally known as “Fonzworth Bentley”, has a reputation as a man of class and excellence as an artist, fashion icon, and pop culture figure; and



WHEREAS,

Derek is a native of Atlanta, Georgia and a graduate of Morehouse College with a degree in Biology; he has a passion for education and investing in the next generation of entrepreneurs and innovators; and



WHEREAS,

Derek’s career in the music industry began in 2002 when he rapped on Da Band’s *Too Hot for TV* album in the track, “Cheers to Me, Mr. Bentley(Interlude)”; he also appeared on OutKast’s multi Grammy award-winning album *Speakerboxxx/The Love Below*; and



WHEREAS,

Derek released his debut album, *C.O.L.O.U.R.S.*, in 2011, and he was featured in the “Yes We Can” music video playing the violin in support of Barack Obama’s 2008 Presidential campaign; and



WHEREAS,

Derek’s resume also includes executive producer, actor, television presenter, and author; his book, *Advance Your Swagger: How to Use Manners, Confidence, and Style to Get Ahead*, is a popular etiquette book published in 2007;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Derek Watkins for his entrepreneurship and many contributions the entertainment industry, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, September 16, 2023 as “**DEREK FONZWORTH BENTLEY WATKINS APPRECIATION DAY**” in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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