

Proclamation



FULTON
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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,

Melba Moore was born in the Harlem neighborhood of New York City to Gertrude Melba Smith, who was a professional singer known as Bonnie Davis, and Teddy Hill, a big band leader; and



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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; and



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WHEREAS,

Melba Moore went on to record 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 received her Star on The Hollywood Walk of Fame and will receive the Joseph R. Biden Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for her commitment to improvement within urban communities;



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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 Friday, August 26, 2022 as “**MELBA MOORE APPRECIATION DAY**” in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Sponsoring Commissioner

Chairman

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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