

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Kameshia Dean Stokes was the first-born child of the late Reverend Charles L. and Gwinne Dean Harper Stokes on July 22, 1958, in Athens, Georgia; she graduated from Southwest High School in Atlanta and furthered her education at Paine College in Augusta, Georgia and Antioch Seminary, receiving one B.A. degrees in English and the other in Divinity; she continued her education at West Georgia and Mercer University studying Counseling and Education; and



WHEREAS,

Pastor Stokes became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. at Paine College where she also met the love of her life, Vincent Thomas; they were married on September 21, 1985; and



WHEREAS,

Pastor Stokes Thomas made history as the first female Pastor of Central African Baptist church in Augusta, Georgia, and she was a professional Life Coach from the School of the Dream Releaser Life Coaching; she was licensed and ordained by her father, Rev. Charles L. Stokes and Dr. C. T. Vivian; and



WHEREAS,

Pastor Stokes Thomas was a member of the Toastmasters International Speaking Club where she received many awards and won several humorous speaking competitions; she was also a self-published author; and



WHEREAS,

Pastor Stokes Thomas was the devoted wife of Pastor Vincent Thomas, Senior Pastor of Grace Covenant where she served as Co-Pastor and her parents, Rev. and Mrs. C.L. Stokes, were the founders; she also leaves to cherish her memory three beloved children: Vincent Charles, Kristin DiOnne, and Michael Carrington, and four grandchildren: Michael Joshua; Kylie Deanna; Vincent Charles II; Michael Joshua, Kylie Deanna, Vincent Charles II, and Michael Justice, and a host of extended family and friends;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Pastor Kameshia Dean Stokes Thomas for a life of integrity and dedication to her family and community, and does hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 26, 2024, as "**PASTOR KAMESHIA DEAN STOKES THOMAS REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Vice Chair to the Commission

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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WHEREAS,

Ryan Cameron is a native of Georgia and an two-time Emmy Award winning broadcast legend, actor, business owner, and philanthropist; and



WHEREAS,

Ryan started at V-103 in the early 90's and went on to join Hot 97.5(currently 107.9); and



WHEREAS,

Ryan hosted the number one morning show in Atlanta on V103 for many years before hosting his own show, Ryan Cameron Uncensored on Majic 107.5, which has become the number one show in Atlanta, which is the most competitive urban market in the United States, and is now nationally syndicated; and



WHEREAS,

Ryan is the only public address announcer in the country that has simultaneously voiced both a NBA and NFL franchise, the Atlanta Hawks and Atlanta Falcons, respectively; he began as PA Announcer for the Atlanta Hawks in 2004, and has served as PA Announcer for the Atlanta Falcons since 2018; and



WHEREAS,

in addition to his Emmy Awards, Ryan is also a member of the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame, one of The Source's Top 20 Influencers in Hip Hop, was named one of Atlanta's 55 Most Powerful by Atlanta Magazine, and he was inducted into the National Black Radio Hall of Fame; and



WHEREAS,

Ryan is also founder of The Ryan Cameron Foundation which helps high school students and their families with academic and career opportunities;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Ryan Cameron for his contributions to arts, culture, and the entertainment industry, and does hereby proclaim Friday, November 15, 2024 as **"RYAN CAMERON APPRECIATION DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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WHEREAS,

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, there are 34.7 million small businesses in the United States: small businesses represent 99.7% of firms with paid employees, small businesses are responsible for 61.1% of net new jobs created since 1995, and small businesses employ 45.9% of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and



WHEREAS,

68 cents of every dollar spent at a small business in the United States stays in the local community and every dollar spent at small businesses creates an additional 48 cents in local business activity as a result of employees and local businesses purchasing local goods and services; and



WHEREAS,

97 percent of Small Business Saturday shoppers recognize the impact they can make by shopping small, and 85 percent of them also encouraged friends and family to do so, too; and



WHEREAS,

59% of U.S. consumers aware of Small Business Saturday shopped at a small, independently owned retailer or restaurant on Small Business Saturday 2023; and



WHEREAS,

Fulton County supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy, and preserve our communities; and



WHEREAS,

advocacy groups, as well as public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County encourages the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, November 30, 2024 as **"SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Chair to the Commission

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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