

Proclamation

WHEREAS,

Avery Sunshine was born Denise White in Chester, Pennsylvania with musical roots grounded in church; she learned to play the piano when she was 8 years old, and she read hymns before studying classical music when she was 11 years old; and



WHEREAS,

Avery's career as a singer, pianist, and composer began long before her international success; at a young age, she was hired by churches of all denominations; and



WHEREAS,

Avery's career began when she met Maia Nkenge Wilson and formed the gospel and R&B duo, DaisyRew; they performed locally and as far abroad as Africa; she released her self-titled first album in 2010, followed by *The Sunroom* in 2014, *Twenty Sixty Four* in 2017, and her most recent album, *Four Songs & A Boot Leg*; and



WHEREAS,

Avery and her musical partner, guitarist, and husband, Dana "Big Dane" Johnson, continue to tour throughout the United States, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia; in addition to the music, Avery's creative spirit extends to her cosmetic line, Lou Mack Beauty, which encourages specifically women of color to celebrate who they are and their lineage unapologetically; and



WHEREAS,

Avery is a proud graduate of Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia where she earned her Bachelor's degree in 1998;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Avery Sunshine for the many contributions to the arts and entertainment industry, and does hereby proclaim Friday, February 16, 2024 as "**AVERY SUNSHINE APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Sponsoring Commissioner

Attest:

Co-Sponsor

Clerk to the Commission

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