

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Ballethnic Dance Company, Inc. is a classically trained, culturally diverse ballet company that blends traditional ballet with the artistic influences of other ethnic cultures – especially African American – to produce unique and exciting dance performances, including the annual fan favorite, Urban Nutcracker; and



WHEREAS,

the Urban Nutcracker is a remarkable full-length ballet that began 30 years ago and set on Atlanta's historic Sweet Auburn Avenue during the 1940's; and



WHEREAS,

this soulful celebration has become a tradition for Atlanta's holiday season and features enchanting Reggae Ragdolls, dancing Arabians, leaping Black Russians, the lively Mother Spice with her Spice Drops, and the effervescent Coca Cola Pas de Six dance; and



WHEREAS,

the production is choreographed by Waverly T. Lucas, III and is led by the elegant Brown Sugar and her Chocolatier, dancing to the traditional Tchaikovsky score, along with adapted music in Act II; additional drum music is composed by L. Gerard Reid; and



WHEREAS,

this year's production marks the 30th anniversary of the local holiday classic that continues to thrill audiences and inspire the imagination of the entire community;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board Of Commissioners recognizes Ballethnic Dance Company's Urban Nutcracker for 30 years of entertainment during the holiday season, and does hereby proclaim Friday, December 8, 2023 as **"BALLETHNIC DANCE COMPANY'S URBAN NUTCRACKER APPRECIATION DAY"** in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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