

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Norman Smith was born in Danville, Kentucky to John and Evelyn Smith and received his early education from Danville Elementary and Bates High School, both in his beloved Bluegrass State; and

WHEREAS, Norman Smith relocated to Atlanta, Georgia to attend Morehouse College and later founded Kasper Entertainment and promoted major artist tours and concerts, including Parliament Funkadelic, Earth Wind and Fire, Rick James, Prince, The Jackson Five, Luther Vandross, Whitney Houston, Chaka Khan, Teena Marie, the S.O.S. Band, Patti LaBelle, B.B. King, and many more; and



WHEREAS, Norman received many accolades and recognitions for his work as President and CEO of Kasper Entertainment, including a proclamation from the City of Atlanta during a celebration given in his honor hosted by Councilman C.T. Martin and now Councilwoman Andrea Boone; during this festive occasion, Norman also received the prestigious Phoenix Award from Mayor Kasim Reed; and



WHEREAS, Norman, alongside his business partner, Preston Elliot, will be remembered for one of Kasper Entertainment's most celebrated enterprises, *The Flashback Festival*, which proved to be a gift of love for over three decades; he also maintained a business relationship with many Atlanta radio stations, including Kiss 104.1, V-103, and WAOK, as well as radio legends including Tom Joyner, Young Blood, and many more radio affiliates throughout Atlanta and the nation; and



WHEREAS, Norman met his beloved Marshall "Marsha" Ann while a student at Morehouse and were together for nearly six decades; their union was blessed with three sons: Norman, Jr., Keith, and John; he was also a proud grandfather of three: Arielle, Emma, and Lauren; Norman was a dedicated member of Shaw Temple A.M.E. Zion Church;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Norman Smith for a life of integrity and devotion to his family and his work in the entertainment industry, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, August 20, 2022 as "**NORMAN SMITH REMEMBRANCE DAY**" In Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Sponsoring Commissioner

Chairman

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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