

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

In 1983, Phillip Boone, a native of Detroit, Michigan, found a void in Atlanta for black gay men and began to host rent parties at K-11, the infamous apartment at Atlanta Overlook at 180 Jackson Street; and



WHEREAS,

Phillip and his friend from Detroit, David Hampton, both worked at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, so they created the Ritz Boyz, hosting ritzy functions at a variety of venues that they always outgrew due to growing popularity; and



WHEREAS,

in 1989, David Hampton became the General Manager of the Phoenix, also known as the Warehouse; he convinced the owner to have a black gay night, which became known by most as the Legendary TRAXX Saturday Night Party; in 1993, Phillip Boone and David Hampton became the proprietors of the Legendary TRAXX on 306 Luckie Street, Downtown Atlanta; and



WHEREAS,

David Hampton passed away in 1998, making Phillip Boone the sole owner; in 2005, Phillip and a few other business men became Managing Partners of the firm known as Ph.D. Entertainment, doing business as TRAXX Atlanta; and



WHEREAS,

TRAXX moved from its renowned location at 339 Marietta Street to Atlanta Live/Dekalb Events Center, and from there, relocated to a 50,000 square foot building located on 1287 Columbia Drive in Decatur, complete with two dance floors, two stages, concert space, and the ability to safely accommodate up to 6,000 patrons;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners, in commemoration of Black Gay Pride Weekend, recognizes Phillip Boone for his legendary business venture that became a staple Atlanta's black gay community for local residents and visitors from around the world, and does hereby proclaim Friday, September 2, 2022 as "**PHILLIP BOONE APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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