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WHEREAS,

On the evening of Thursday, September 22, 2022, a woman was assaulted in a restroom at the Fulton County

Courthouse and once reported, the Sheriff's department immediately sent out a description of the assailant; and



WHEREAS,

District Attorney Assistant Chief Investigator Thomas Ricks made the initial arrest of the attacker, who at the time appeared to be stalking another young woman on the

Georgia State University campus; and



WHEREAS,

when Investigator Ricks' colleague, Investigator DaJuan Walker, lost sight of the attacker, Investigator Ricks quickly recognized the description and detained the

attacker; and



WHEREAS,

Investigator Ricks' quick thinking brought the attacker to justice, and quite possibly avoided another attack on an

unsuspecting college student; and

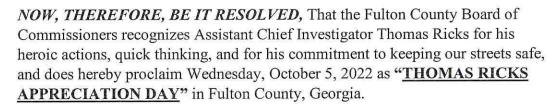


WHEREAS,

Investigator Ricks is a native of Laplace, Louisiana and before his tenure with the Fulton District Attorney's Office, he spent 20 years in the security field, including his service as a Task Force Officer with the Gulf Coast Fugitive Task Force, the U.S. Marshals Service, and a full-time security agent for an NBA All-Star; he also received a Medal of



Valor Award for saving a hostage in 2014;





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