

# Proclamation



**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;



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Assistant Chief Investigator Thomas Ricks for his heroic actions, quick thinking, and for his commitment to keeping our streets safe, and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 5, 2022 as "**THOMAS RICKS APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



*Fulton County Board of Commissioners*

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Sponsoring Commissioner

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Commissioner

Attest:

*Thomas R. Davis*  
Clerk to the Commission

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