

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Michael Gidewon was a respected and talented businessman and nightlife entrepreneur whose vision and tenacity has forever changed the Atlanta nightlife scene; and



WHEREAS,

Michael and his older brother, Alex, immigrated to Atlanta from the African country of Eritrea and began their careers as valets; during this time, they learned how the nightlife business worked and successfully opened two nightclubs; and



WHEREAS,

Michael's career as a nightlife entrepreneur spanned more than 30 years and has paved the way for some of the biggest names in the music industry; and



WHEREAS,

some of Michael's most popular Atlanta nightclubs are Visions, Vanquish, Reign, Velvet Room, Compound, and SOHO Lounge & Gardens, among several others; and



WHEREAS,

Michael was also well known for his charitable endeavors, hosting several Thanksgiving dinner drives and other charitable activities; and



WHEREAS,

Michael's greatest accomplishment was his family; he leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife, Selam, and their four children;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Michael Gidewon for a life of integrity, drive, and passion, and does hereby proclaim Tuesday, February 14, 2023 as "**MICHAEL GIDEWON REMEMBRANCE DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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