

# Proclamation



*WHEREAS,*

Lashley Wendel Winter, also known as “Motto”, was born on October 20, 1994 in Helen of the West, Saint Lucia, and is a multitalented and influential name in the Soca industry; and



*WHEREAS,*

Motto left Saint Lucia in 2009 and continued his education at the Boys & Girls High School in New York City and earned an Associates degree in Information Technology at Monroe College, followed by a Bachelor’s degree in Mass Communications from Barton College in North Carolina; and



*WHEREAS,*

while he pursued his education, Motto excelled as a long-distance Track and Field athlete, earning many medals and accolades; and



*WHEREAS,*

Motto’s music career began in 2009 when he produced beats under the name “Fox Productions” for underground artists in Saint Lucia; and



*WHEREAS,*

Motto successfully penetrated the Trinidad and Tobago market, long established as the mecca for Soca music, and has worked with the top names in the industry; his hit song, *Bend Dong*, did well in St. Lucia, and in 2016 he did *Bend Dong Refix Remix* which not only changed his life, but put the Dennery Segment/Lucian Kuduro movement on the map and brought international attention to Saint Lucia and Soca music;



*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,* That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes Motto for his contribution to the arts and for his dedication to the Caribbean community in metro Atlanta, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, May 27, 2023 as “MOTTO APPRECIATION DAY” in Fulton County, Georgia.



*Fulton County Board of Commissioners*

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Commissioner

Attest:

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Clerk to the Commission

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