

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

In 1987, a diverse group representing several Caribbean islands came together to familiarize the metro Atlanta community with Caribbean culture through the presentation of a West Indian style carnival that came to be known as the Atlanta Caribbean Folk Festival; and



WHEREAS,

The Atlanta Caribbean Folk Festival became the official kick-off of the United States carnival season and brought thousands of visitors to metro Atlanta during Memorial Day weekend; the events surrounding Atlanta Carnival became a mainstay on the calendars of West Indians from all over the world; and



WHEREAS,

in 2003, several leaders of local masquerade bands, and steel bands came together to form the Atlanta Caribbean Carnival Bandleaders Association to represent the interests of the masquerade bands in the planning of the Atlanta Caribbean Carnival; and



WHEREAS,

the goal of the group was to serve as an advocate to represent the needs of the bandleaders and to offer mentoring and aid to those taking part in the art form of producing carnival costumes; and



WHEREAS,

the carnival brings thousands of patrons to Atlanta each year to partake in the music and food of the Caribbean; this year will mark the 36th anniversary of the celebration in Atlanta;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the Atlanta Caribbean Carnival for its annual celebration of the arts, culture, and global impact of the Caribbean diaspora, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, May 27, 2023 as "**ATLANTA CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL APPRECIATION DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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