

In Honor of the S.O.S Band

(“Sounds of Success”)

Whereas, *The city of Atlanta is pleased to honor a group of renowned musicians who have excelled in the music industry for over 40 years and are proud to call Atlanta their home; and*

Whereas, *The SOS Band was an instant success their first time out with a two-million-selling single, "Take Your Time (Do It Right)," before having several hit singles written and produced by Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis. The Atlanta, GA-borne band was started in 1977, when keyboardist/vocalist Jason Bryant, saxophonists Billy Ellis and Willie "Sonny" Killebrew, guitarist Bruno Speight, bassist John Alexander Simpson, drummer James Earl Jones III, and lead vocalist Mary Davis formed a group called Santa Monica that played at Atlanta nightclub the Regal Room. While the band was on its world tour, trumpeter/vocalist/percussionist Abdul Ra'oof joined them; and*

Whereas, *Their manager, Bunny Jackson-Ransom (who later managed Cameo), sent a demo to Clarence Avant, head of Tabu Records. After signing the band to Tabu, Avant suggested that the band work with songwriter/producer Sigidi Abdullah. Abdullah was curious as to why an Atlanta-based band named itself Santa Monica. Keyboardist Jason Bryant replied that the band had an enjoyable concert in Santa Monica, CA. Abdullah then came up with a new band name, The S.O.S. Band, with S.O.S. standing for "Sounds of Success;" and*

Whereas, *Throughout the ages, music has played a prominent role in our lives. It has enhanced worship services and spirituality, provided entertainment, promoted patriotism, and preserved the history and heritage of every culture. Whether it's gospel, blues, jazz, rock, folk or country; music tells a story like few books can, with its soulful strains, foot stomping beat and inspirational lyrics; and*

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that, We, *the members of the Atlanta City Council, hereby honor the S.O.S Band for their 40 years of success in the music industry and express an entire city's appreciation to them for sharing their talents with the world and particularly our city.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE
HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND
CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY
OF ATLANTA TO BE AFFIXED

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