



City of Lauderhill Proclamation

Whereas, Jerry "The Iceman" Butler was born in Sunflower, Mississippi on December 8, 1939; and

Whereas, He moved to Chicago, Illinois at the age of three and grew up in an area later known as the Cabrini-Green Housing Projects; and

Whereas, Mr. Butler met Curtis Mayfield, with whom he began his musical career as part of a quintet called "Jerry Butler and The Impressions." In 1958, The Impressions had their first hit with the classic "For Your Precious Love," and Mr. Butler went on to pursue a solo career spanning five decades, producing over 50 albums, numerous hit songs, three Grammy Award nominations, receiving various awards for composing, publishing, including the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers, two Billboard magazine awards, two Humanitarian Awards and several Broadcast Music Inc. (BMI) Awards; and

Whereas, In 1959 Mr. Butler married the love of his life Annette and they became parents to twin sons. They remained married for 60 years until her passing in 2019; and

Whereas, Mr. Butler branched out into other areas of interest by starting a beer distributorship in 1973 called the Iceman Beverage Company, and in 1993, at the age of 55, he received a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Governor's State College in University Park, Illinois; and

Whereas, Mr. Butler, Butler entered politics after being influenced by the Civil Rights movement in the mid-1980s and continued on to become a staple in Chicago government and politics after being elected to public office in 1985 as the Cook County Commissioner, where he served three four-year terms and retiring in 2018.

Now Therefore, I, Mayor Kenneth Thurston, along with Vice Mayor Howard Berger, and Commissioners M. Margaret Bates, Denise D. Grant, and Richard Campbell
DO HEREBY PROCLAIM December 8, 2020 as:

"Jerry Iceman Butler Day"

And encourage all citizens to celebrate this day dedicated to a musical and political icon and public servant.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE UNTO SET MY HAND
AND CAUSED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF
LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, TO BE AFFIXED THIS 2nd DAY OF
NOVEMBER, 2020


KENNETH THURSTON, MAYOR