



WHEREAS: Michael E. Hutchinson graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Georgia Southwestern College in 1982, and later received a Master's degree from VanderCook College in 1986. In 1999, Mr. Hutchinson continued his education by receiving training as an Educational Specialist at Troy State University. He used his formal training, coupled with his unselfish strong desire to use his innate moral strengths and abilities, to work with the youth of the Savannah community; and

WHEREAS: Michael E. Hutchinson, as a teacher of the highest standards, has always established himself as an impeccable role model for countless high school students, demonstrating skill, ethical leadership, and remarkable sensitivity to the students under his tenure, and generating immense esteem to the profession of teaching. He has guided many students toward furthering their education in post secondary institutions and given them the opportunity to play with many national and international musical performers; and

WHEREAS: He has garnered many accolades for the Savannah Arts Academy and the Savannah community as a whole, prizing these honors over the many acknowledgments and awards he has received himself; and

WHEREAS: The Savannah Arts Academy SkyeLite Jazz Band, under his direction has been designated as Ambassadors of Goodwill by President William Jefferson Clinton and as Official Ambassadors of Goodwill from the State of Georgia by Governor Zell Miller; and

WHEREAS: Through maximizing the talents of the musical students he teaches, the Savannah Arts Academy SkyeLite Jazz Band members have enthralled numerous audiences around the world with their talented and skillful performances, including performances in London, England, the Orlando Music Festival, the Jackson State Music Festival, the Olympic Trials Opening Ceremony and the Olympic Closing Ceremony in Savannah, as well as performances on the steps of the United States Capitol, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., and numerous others; and

WHEREAS: The impressive record of accomplishments demonstrated by Mr. Hutchinson is the result of hard work, dedication, and extraordinary commitment to our youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Floyd Adams, Jr., Mayor of the City of Savannah, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, January 14, 2003 as:

"Michael E. Hutchinson Day"

in Savannah, in recognition of Mr. Michael E. Hutchinson for his outstanding performances as Musical Director and Conductor of the Savannah Arts Academy Silver Winds Ensemble and the SkyeLite Jazz Band and, most important, his contributions as a TEACHER.



In Witness Whereof, I have herunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Savannah, Georgia to be affixed.
This 14th day of, January 2003

ATTEST
Syanna C. Reese
Clerk of Council

Floyd Adams, Jr.
MAYOR