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Plainfield Welcomes home George Clinton, honors Parliament Funkadelic

March 17, 2022, Plainfield NJ - Mayor Adrian O. Mapp and the City of Plainfield welcomed home one of its sons, George Clinton. George Clinton is a recording artist known for his legendary sounds as the founder of the renowned Parliament Funkadelic group.

On March 17, 2022, Mayor Mapp presented Clinton with a proclamation from the city and declared March 17, 2022, as George Clinton Day in Plainfield. Mayor Mapp also announced the designation of a portion of Plainfield Avenue from Front Street to West 5th Street to be ceremonially named "Parliament Funkadelic Way."

Clinton also received proclamations from the State Assembly and the Union County Board of Commissioners, recognizing his career and contributions to creating the musical style known as P-Funk.

The celebration took place at the Second Street Youth Center (SSYC), which now stands on the site once occupied by the Barbershop where George once worked, the "Silk Palace. As a special surprise, the Second Street Youth center children performed two of Clinton's greatest hits, "One Nation Under a Groove" and "Flashlight." As George Clinton revealed the sign that bore the legend "Parliament Funkadelic Way," the crowd burst into a spontaneous cheer and sang several of his songs. It was evident by the infectious laugh and huge smile on his face that the outpouring of love and affection moved him. It was a proud moment for all who were present to witness this son of Plainfield return home and be honored.

"Even though he was born in North Carolina, George Clinton is, and will always be, a son of Plainfield. We are proud of his accomplishments and will always welcome him with open arms whenever he comes home. It is fitting to name this street after the group he founded. It is closing the circle." Said, Mayor Adrian O. Mapp. "We have other plans to solidify his legacy here and hope to have him back later in the year."

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George Clinton was born in Kannapolis, NC (July 22, 1941) and raised in Plainfield, NJ. He became interested in music during the early 1950s as he worked at "Silk Palace" Barbershop. Plainfield witnessed

the birth of George Clinton's first group, The Parliaments, in 1955. Clinton later relocated to Detroit and began the sister groups Parliament and Funkadelic. The former played an eclectic and more commercial form of Funk, and the latter incorporated more influence from psychedelic rock. This led to many great hits such as "One Nation Under a Groove" and "Flashlight." Today, George Clinton's name is known worldwide as one of the pioneers making Funk a musical form. Following his passion for music, Clinton received many awards such as a Grammy, a Dove (gospel), and an MTV music video award. In addition, he was recognized by BMI, the NAACP Image Awards, and Motown Alumni Association for lifetime achievement. In 1997, Clinton's Parliament/Funkadelic group was also inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

The City of Plainfield, also known by its iconic nickname "The Queen City," is 153-years-old, home to 54,586 individuals according to the 2021 United States Census. The City of Plainfield is currently recorded as the third-largest city in Union County in terms of population. The current Mayor of Plainfield is Mayor Adrian O. Mapp, who won a third term in 2021. Mayor Mapp is the first Mayor to serve three consecutive terms.