

PROCLAMATION

BY

MAYOR MARTIN O'MALLEY

DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

AS

"WILLIE "THE BAM" JOHNSON DAY"

IN BALTIMORE

- WHEREAS*, we are pleased to welcome to Baltimore the All American Inner Harbor Nationals sponsored by Willie "The BAM" Johnson and Universal Martial Arts Concepts, Inc; and
- WHEREAS*, Willie "The BAM" Johnson, born and raised in East Baltimore's Lafayette Projects is one of today's leading sports heroes; and
- WHEREAS*, Willie "The BAM" Johnson's resume includes such honors as seven-times world champion martial artist, seventh degree black belt, television star, and author; and
- WHEREAS*, after turning his life around, Willie "The BAM" Johnson decided to give back to the community establishing the Stronger Than Drugs Foundation, to help youth and teens love and respect themselves enough to stay stronger than drugs; and
- WHEREAS*, we salute Willie "The BAM" Johnson for his contributions to our city, and thank him for bringing the All American Inner Harbor Nationals karate tournament to Baltimore.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2000 as "WILLIE "THE BAM" JOHNSON DAY" IN BALTIMORE, and do urge all citizens to join in this celebration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set the Great Seal of the City of Baltimore to be affixed this thirtieth day of September, two thousand.





Mayor