

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

April 4, 2023

To celebrate the contributions of District of Columbia native Marvin P. Gaye, Jr. to the music community, honor his mission to support youth and the environment, thank the African American Music Association for their work to support Marvin Gaye’s legacy, and to declare April 2, 2023 as “Marvin Gaye Day” in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Marvin P. Gaye, Jr. is a DC native son who was born on April 2, 1939 at Freedman’s Hospital, now known as Howard University Hospital;

WHEREAS, Marvin Gaye’s first home was located in the Southwest Waterfront neighborhood;

WHEREAS, Marvin Gaye attended DC Public Schools, including Syphax Elementary School, Randall Junior High School, Spingarn High School, and Cardozo High School, where he was a member of several doo-wop groups;

WHEREAS, as a young man, Marvin Gaye began his music career in the District with The Marquees, who worked with Bo Diddley and signed to O’Keh Records;

WHEREAS, when the Marquees disbanded, Marvin Gaye moved to Detroit and signed with Berry Gordy and Motown Records;

WHEREAS, Marvin Gaye’s career took off and in the years that followed, he put out 17 solo albums and 6 collaborative albums;

WHEREAS, Marvin Gaye’s music, with his smooth voice and powerful messages, has touched the hearts and souls of District residents and people around the world;

WHEREAS, since it was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) organization in 1992, the African American Music Association has celebrated and presented Marvin Gaye Day throughout the District of Columbia with the purpose of keeping Gaye’s music and legacy alive, including his passionate plea to save our youth and the environment, and will host “A Marvin Gaye Birthday Celebration” at the Sandlot Anacostia on April 2, 2023.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Marvin Gaye Day Recognition Resolution of 2023”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia celebrates the contributions of District of Columbia native Marvin P. Gaye, Jr. to the music community, honors his legacy, thanks the African American Music Association for their work to support Marvin Gaye’s legacy, and declares April 2, 2023 as “Marvin Gaye Day” in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.