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TO: Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David D. Whitaker
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DATE: April 18, 2019

RE: **Resolution to declare June 7th as “Prince Day”**

On April 16, 2019, the Honorable Council President Brenda Jones requested that the Legislative Policy Division provide a resolution to declare June 7th as “Prince Day.” The resolution is attached for your consideration.

BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRENDA JONES
RESOLUTION TO DECLARE JUNE 7TH AS “PRINCE DAY”

WHEREAS, The musical genius known as Prince (born Prince Rogers Nelson), will be remembered as a singularly powerful performer who changed countless lives through his music, besides having an undeniable fashion and stage presence, few knew how many lives he changed through his charitable acts; and

WHEREAS, Prince was so adamant that his contributions remain anonymous that often, Prince went as far to set up tour dates in certain areas as a “cover,” to go into cities to help organizations and leaders; and

WHEREAS, Prince has donated not only his talent but has made many anonymous contributions. The extent of his activism, philanthropy, and charity was publicized after his death:

- In 2001, Prince anonymously donated to the Louisville Free Public Library system to keep the historic Western Branch Library, the first full service library for African Americans in the country from closure
- In 2001, he anonymously paid off the medical bills of drummer Clyde Stubblefield, who was undergoing cancer treatment
- After the Trayvon Martin verdict, Prince developed the vision for *#YesWeCode*, an initiative to combat the negative stereotypes of young people of color, by equipping them with technology skills. Prince sponsored many hackathons (a software design competition) outright and performed at several of these events
- He also helped to fund *Green for All*, an initiative to facilitate people of color and working families to have a place and a voice in the climate movement
- In 2015, Prince used his star power for charity, by creating a "Rally4Peace" concert to honor Freddie Gray's memory in Baltimore; and

WHEREAS, June 7th marks his birthday, and it should be recognized as a day to acknowledge Prince, a world entertainer and humanitarian; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council, hereby declares June 7th as “Prince Day,” in honor of his humanitarian and philanthropic contributions.