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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director   
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RE: **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MAY AS NEUROFIBROMATOSIS (NF)  
AWARENESS MONTH**

Council President Mary Sheffield requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) draft a RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MAY AS NEUROFIBROMATOSIS (NF) AWARENESS MONTH.

Please contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

**BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARY SHEFFIELD**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MAY AS NEUROFIBROMATOSIS (NF) AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, The mission of the Detroit City Council is to promote the economic, cultural and physical welfare of Detroit’s citizens through Charter-mandated legislative functions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Children’s Tumor Foundation has designated May as NF Awareness Month to increase awareness of neurofibromatosis (NF), a group of rare genetic disorders that causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body; and

**WHEREAS**, NF affects 2.5 million people around the world, or one in every 3,000 individuals. There is currently no cure for NF; and

**WHEREAS**, Nicholas “Nick” Gilbert passed away on May 6, 2023, after a long and courageous battle against NF. Nick was a light and inspiration to so many throughout his 26 years of life, inspiring others with his bravery and relentless spirit and using his voice to advocate in the fight against NF; and

**WHEREAS**, Nick’s life and legacy serves as a poignant reminder that there is more work to be done to find a cure. Through the support of the Gilbert Family Foundation, work is underway to make Detroit the center of research and development to find a cure for this disease that afflicts millions of children throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Detroit City Council offers its most heartfelt condolences to the entire Gilbert Family and all who knew and loved Nick Gilbert; and

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Detroit City Council officially recognizes May as NF Awareness Month in honor of the life and memory of Nicholas “Nick” Gilbert and adds its voice to all those hoping and working for a cure.