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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director  
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: May 1, 2025

RE: **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 6, 2025, AS WORLD ASTHMA DAY**

City Council Member Latisha Johnson has requested the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) to produce a resolution recognizing May 6, 2025, as World Asthma Day.

Please contact our office if you require any further assistance.

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 6, 2025, AS WORLD ASTHMA DAY**

- WHEREAS** Asthma is a chronic respiratory disease that affects more than 260 million people worldwide and is one of the most common chronic diseases among both children and adult; and
- WHEREAS** Nearly 28 million people, about 1 in 12 people, living in the U.S. have asthma, and the prevalence of asthma is disproportionately higher for African Americans and persons living below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level;<sup>1</sup> and
- WHEREAS** The burden of asthma on Detroit is much higher in scope and severity when compared to the rest of Michigan and the U.S., and a 2024 report from the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America found that Detroit ranked as the third most challenging place in the U.S. to live with asthma; and
- WHEREAS** Asthma is a major non-communicable disease that causes significant morbidity and, in some cases, mortality, especially in underserved communities and low-income populations; and
- WHEREAS** World Asthma Day is observed annually on the first Tuesday of May to improve asthma awareness and care, and the theme for 2025 is “Make Inhaled Treatments Accessible for ALL;” and
- WHEREAS** The theme of World Asthma Day highlights the importance of access to effective asthma diagnosis, treatment, and education to empower individuals and communities to manage the disease successfully; and
- WHEREAS** World Asthma Day provides an opportunity to promote public awareness of asthma, reduce the stigma associated with respiratory illnesses, and support efforts aimed at reducing asthma-related health disparities; and
- WHEREAS** Recognizing World Asthma Day reaffirms our commitment to advancing public health, supporting individuals and families affected by asthma, and encouraging research and policy solutions to improve asthma outcomes; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT,**
- RESOLVED** That the Detroit City Council hereby recognizes May 6, 2025, as World Asthma Day; **NOW BE IT FINALLY**
- RESOLVED** That the Detroit City Clerk provide a copy of this resolution to the Mayor and the Detroit Health Department.

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<sup>1</sup> Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, 2024 Asthma Capitals: The Most Challenging Places to Live with Asthma - <https://aafa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/aafa-2024-asthma-capitals-report.pdf>