

## **Resolution Honoring Martha Rose Reeves**

- WHEREAS** Martha Rose Reeves moved to the city of Detroit before her first birthday—unknown to many, a legend was already in the making. She began her music career in the early 1960s by singing background vocals for Marvin Gaye. Eventually, she formed her own group, originally called the Del-Phis. The group later evolved into *Martha Reeves and the Vandellas* after signing with the iconic Motown Records label. Throughout her singing career, Reeves released several chart-topping singles. In 1995, *Martha Reeves and the Vandellas*—one of the most successful female groups of the Motown era—was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame; and
- WHEREAS** In the mid-1970s, Reeves launched a solo career that proved to be successful, earning her features in *Ebony* and *Jet* magazines. She also made numerous television appearances, captivating audiences with her signature brassy voice; and
- WHEREAS** A long-time resident of Detroit, Reeves took a leap into public service and was elected to the Detroit City Council, serving from 2005 to 2009. As a council member, she made a significant impact across several communities in the city. In 2019, she showcased another talent by appearing as a contestant on the UK's *MasterChef*, impressing audiences with her cooking skills; and
- WHEREAS** Today, Martha Reeves resides in Detroit's 7th Precinct community and continues to play an active role in civic life. On March 27, 2024, she was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Martha Reeves is more than a Motown icon—she is a legend whose voice, presence, and personality continue to inspire generations.

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit, recognizes and honors the contributions and commitment to excellence in public service of Ms. Martha Reeves. Her display of unwavering community spirit has improved the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit.

We thank and congratulate you.