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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: April 6, 2022

RE: **RESOLUTION TO OFFICIALLY ESTABLISH 313 DAY IN DETROIT**

Council President Mary Sheffield requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) draft a resolution to officially establish March 13th as ‘313 Day’ in the city of Detroit.

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

BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARY SHEFFIELD

RESOLUTION TO OFFICIALLY ESTABLISH ‘313 DAY’ IN THE CITY OF DETROIT

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

WHEREAS, Detroit, founded in 1701, has a long-established history. We are known as the Motor City, for being the heart of the American Automotive Industry. And Motown, one of the most successful Black-owned businesses and one of the most significant independent record companies in American history. Additionally, Detroit is the home to Michigan staples such as Ford Field, the home of the Detroit Lions, Comerica Park, the home of the Detroit Tigers, Little Caesars Arena, the home of both the Detroit Red Wings & Detroit Pistons, home to the famous Lafayette Coney Island vs. American Coney Island food battle, and the beautiful Belle Isle; and

WHEREAS, The area code, 313 was established in 1947 and serves Wayne County, including the Pointes and other larger cities and communities such as Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Inkster, Lincoln Park, Redford, and Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Detroit, is where Martin Luther King, Jr. first delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech, two months before he gave it in Washington D.C. on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963. King delivered his Detroit speech in Cobo Hall after the now famous Walk to Freedom, which was a mass march in Detroit during the Civil Rights Movement on June 23, 1963. The march joined by local civil rights giants Horace Sheffield Jr. and Walter P. Ruther, drew an estimated crowd of 125,000 and was known at the time as "the largest civil rights demonstration in the nation's history;" and

WHEREAS, March 13th is a unique day for Detroiters to celebrate all that symbolize the 313;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council hereby establishes March 13th as ‘313 Day’ in the city of Detroit, as a day for Council, as well as our fellow Detroiters, to honor the history and culture of Detroit, Michigan’s most well-known city; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the City Clerk and the Mayor.