

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2025

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE HONORABLE J. MICHAEL BROWN BY DEDICATING THE CORNERS OF 18TH AND 19TH STREETS AT THEIR INTERSECTION WITH MADISON STREET AS “J. MICHAEL BROWN WAY” IN HIS HONOR.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER KEN HERNDON

WHEREAS, Metro Council considers the naming of its streets after its citizens to foster a continued sense of community, place, and history; and

WHEREAS, J. Michael Brown was a distinguished legal professional and public servant. He graduated from the City College of New York with a Political Science Degree and the University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law; and

WHEREAS, J. Michael Brown served as a paratrooper and infantry officer with the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He later attended flight school and piloted helicopters until concluding his military career as US Army Captain with the 101st Airborne Division in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. J. Michael Brown earned the Army Commendation Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea), Army Aviator Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, and National Defense Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, J. Michael Brown has held numerous key leadership roles throughout his career, including making history as the first African American named as Secretary of the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. He also served as a Deputy Attorney General, an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney, 30th Judicial Circuit, and President of the Louisville Bar Assoc.; and

WHEREAS, J. Michael Brown’s leadership extended to numerous boards, including Criminal Justice Assoc., Kentucky State Board of Elections, Louisville Arena Authority, Regional Airport Authority, West End Opportunity Partnership; and

WHEREAS, J. Michael Brown worked tirelessly to improve the criminal justice system by volunteering his legal work to indigent defendants in Kentucky.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: J. Michael Brown’s dedicated service and commitment to Louisville Metro is hereby recognized with the placement of honorary street signs on the corner of 18th and 19th Streets at their intersection with Madison Street, Louisville, Kentucky, and so designated as “J. Michael Way”.

SECTION II: The Department of Public Works is hereby directed to move forward with the fabrication and installation of the honorary street signs upon the passage of this Resolution and the receipt of funds to cover the expense.

SECTION III: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval or otherwise becoming law.

Sonya Harward
Metro Council Clerk

Brent Ackerson
President of the Council

Craig Greenberg
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

By: _____

R-067-25 Honorary Naming J. Michael Brown JDF 060225