

Testimonial Resolution

GEORGE CLINTON

Parliament - Funkadelic

WHEREAS

George Clinton was born July 22, 1941. He is a bandleader, vocalist, songwriter, producer, and musical genius. He grew up in Plainfield, New Jersey, where he formed the Parliaments as a teenager; and

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George Clinton joined Motown Records in the early sixties as a songwriter, producer, and arranger. In Detroit, he found inspiration from Jimi Hendrix, Sly Stone, and Frank Zappa. He then created Parliament and Funkadelic using original band members from New Jersey. The bands were wildly successful in developing science fiction-inspired funk and psychedelic rock. By the late 1960s, the bands were touring; and

WHEREAS

George Clinton ruled Black music during the 1970s, earning over forty R&B hit singles (including three number ones) and recording three platinum albums. He accomplished a musical dynasty by launching several bands and solo artists between 1975-1979. Under his tutelage, collaborations such as Bootsy's Rubber Band, Parlet, and The Brides of Funkenstein were created. Eddie Hazel recorded solo albums with his assistance. By the 1980s, he continued to record music. In 1982 he recorded the hit album Computer Games, including the famous Atomic Dog. The following year he created the P-Funk All Stars, which had a mixture of former Parliament-Funkadelic members, guests and new members; and

WHEREAS

George Clinton released T.A.P.O.A.F.O.M. (The Awesome Power of a Fully Operational Mothership) along with the P-Funk All-Stars in 1996. This reunion album included Bootsy Collins, Bernie Worrell, Junie Morrison, and more. In May 1997, he and fifteen members of Parliament-Funkadelic were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. In 1999, the band played during the infamous Woodstock '99; and

WHEREAS

George Clinton produces timeless music. Spin named the band #6 on their list of the "50 Greatest Bands of All Time". In 2004, Rolling Stone ranked Parliament-Funkadelic #56 on their "100 Greatest Artists of All Time" list. On May 11, 2019, the band members were given the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award from the Recording Academy; THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED

That the Office of Councilman Scott Benson and the Detroit City Council celebrate the musical accomplishments of the great George Clinton. Your ability to create timeless music across generations and ethnic groups goes unparalleled. May God continue to bless your endeavors.

Handwritten signatures of Council members and Council President, with printed names and titles below them.

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