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City of Detroit Detroit City Council

FROM THE DESK OF
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RESOLUTION DECLARING JULY 23rd, 2025 AS “KEM DAY” IN DETROIT

WHEREAS, KEM, born Kem Owens, was raised in Detroit, where he built the foundation for his Kemistry Records label and his illustrious career. His journey from being homeless and addicted on the streets of Detroit, to becoming an international, multi-Grammy®-nominated, 1.1B+ streaming artist, is a testament to the resilience and talent that our city fosters; and

WHEREAS, KEM's authentically crafted music, which centers around the themes of love and faith, has continually touched the hearts of several generations over the past 25 years. His dedication to his musical journey, and to his fans, has brought pride to Detroit. As he travels the country and the globe, performing his music that was born in Detroit, he never fails to shine a bright light on the city he loves, which he consistently has done, even at a time when it wasn't 'cool' to do so. You'll often hear him say “there's no place like home” in interviews; and

WHEREAS, beyond his musical achievements, KEM has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to giving back to the community through his Mack &

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Third Foundation. His foundation is dedicated to assisting organizations that help people in need in the areas of homelessness, addiction, food insecurity, domestic issues, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, July 23rd marks not only his birthday, but his RE-birthday, where he finally resolved to come clean of drugs and is about to celebrate 35 years of sobriety:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Detroit does hereby officially declare **July 23, 2025**, as "**KEM Day**" in the City of Detroit.