

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

HONORING THE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARCHIE EDWARDS BLUES HERITAGE FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation was first established in 1998 after the death of blues pioneer Archie Edwards, who used his barbershop in Northeast DC as a gathering place for aspiring musicians, and opened its doors in Hyattsville in 2019 at 4502 Hamilton Street; and

WHEREAS, Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation has supported thousands of musicians, young and old, at all levels of expertise, fostering a place for social interaction and community outreach, and serving as a memorial and tribute to Archie Edwards and the blues musicians and traditions of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation continues to share music, stories, and friendship with the people who drop by to listen, play, and socialize, carrying on their mission to play the music, pass it on, and keep it going with a long-standing tradition of a weekly acoustic blues jams that Archie Edwards began in the late 1950s; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation also presents concerts by nationally and internationally known blues artists and sends ensembles of Barbershop jam musicians to perform at festivals, community events, and workshops, passing on the skills and traditions of acoustic blues to future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation possesses the qualities, characteristics, and commitment to excellence that the City of Hyattsville values in their local non-profit in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby honor the Archie Edwards Blues Heritage Foundation for its years of service to the City of Hyattsville and for representing the core values of our community.

Robert Croslin
Mayor, City of Hyattsville

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