

IN RECOGNITION OF ANDREW DeGRAFFENREIDT, III

FEBRUARY 17, 2021

WHEREAS, ANDREW DeGRAFFENREIDT, III ("DREW") WAS BORN IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1951, THE ONLY SON OF THE LATE ANDREW DeGRAFFENREIDT, II AND EDDIE PEARL BLACK DeGRAFFENREIDT; AND

WHEREAS, AFTER GRADUATING FROM NOVA HIGH SCHOOL, DREW ATTENDED SWARTHMORE COLLEGE, MAJORING IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, FOLLOWED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW; AND

WHEREAS, UPON GRADUATION FROM LAW SCHOOL, DREW SERVED AS A RESEARCH AIDE FOR GENERAL COUNSEL OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THEN AS AN ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL; AND

WHEREAS, AFTER LEAVING THE BROWARD COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, DREW SERVED AS DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND LATER BECAME HOLLYWOOD'S FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN CITY ATTORNEY, HOLDING THE POSITION FROM NOVEMBER 16, 1983 TO JANUARY 6, 1988; AND

WHEREAS, DREW SERVED ON THE HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, HOLLYWOOD PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, HOLLYWOOD BOARD OF APPEALS AND ADJUSTMENT, AND THE HOLLYWOOD GENERAL PENSION FUND; AND

WHEREAS, DREW ENJOYED A LONG, RICH, REWARDING, AND SUCCESSFUL LEGAL CAREER SPANNING OVER 43 YEARS, AND WHICH CONTINUED UP UNTIL HIS UNTIMELY DEATH; AND

WHEREAS, IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH, THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ITS FIRST BLACK CITY ATTORNEY, ANDREW DeGRAFFENREIDT, III, FOR HIS SERVICE AND LIFE; NOW

THEREFORE, JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 17, 2021, AS:

A DAY IN RECOGNITION OF ANDREW DeGRAFFENREIDT, III

SIGNED THIS 17TH DAY OF
FEBRUARY 2021, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR LINDA SHERWOOD
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER LINDA HILL ANDERSON
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER ADAM GRUBER
COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN