

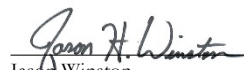
In Recognition of Mary J. Blige in Celebration of “Strength of A Woman Day”

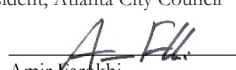
- WHEREAS,** *The Atlanta City Council recognizes Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter, Oscar-nominated actress, producer, and philanthropist Mary J. Blige as we celebrate “Strength of A Woman Day”; and*
- WHEREAS,** *A figure of inspiration, transformation, and empowerment, she is a defining voice in music and has eight multi-platinum albums and nine Grammy Awards; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Influenced at an early age by the music of Aretha Franklin, Chaka Khan, and Gladys Knight, she brought her own gritty, urban-rooted style — fusing hip-hop and soul with honest, frank lyrics — to the world of music. Across the world, she is loved for her passionate, chart-topping hits like “Be Without You,” “No More Drama,” and “Family Affair,” all of which have made her a force in the industry; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Throughout her accomplished career, Blige has released more than a dozen albums, all of which have reached the top ten on the Billboard 200 chart, including four number-one albums; and*
- WHEREAS,** *She has made a successful transition to television and film, a career that includes two Academy Award nominations, two Golden Globe nominations, and a Screen Actors Guild nomination, among many other accolades; and*
- WHEREAS,** *In 2006, she won a Legends Award at the World Music Awards, and in 2007, she received the Voice of Music Award from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers, also known as ASCAP. She has also been named as the most successful female R&B/hip-hop artist of the past 25 years by Billboard; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Blige served as an Executive Producer through her own production company, Blue Butterfly, of a documentary film about her musical career, “Mary J. Blige’s My Life,” which was released on Amazon Prime Video; and*
- WHEREAS,** *At the 2022 Billboard Music Awards, she will receive the “Icon Award,” a recognition that honors her cultural impact as an artist and extraordinary talent as a world-class entertainer. From May 6-8, Blige and partners are also hosting the inaugural “Strength of a Woman Festival and Summit” in Atlanta, an event devoted to music, comedy, and community building that is curated for and by women.*

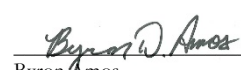
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, *the members of the Atlanta City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Atlanta, do hereby celebrate music and cultural icon Mary J. Blige on this 5th day of May 2022 as we recognize “Strength of A Woman Day” in the city of Atlanta. We honor her illustrious career and applaud her efforts and collaboration in hosting a wonderful festival and summit in our city with a focus on creativity and empowerment.*


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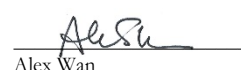

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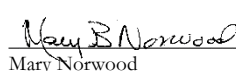

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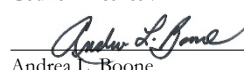

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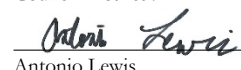

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