

WHEREAS, Coach Al Leibert has served local athletics and education programs since the early 1950's in Battle Creek and at the age of 90 is still coaching. He has had a positive effect on many lives while being an educator, teacher, administrator, advisor, friend, mentor/coach, and a role model for countless number of youth and peers; and

WHEREAS, Coach Al Leibert is a member of the Bearcat/Ram Hall of Fame and the St. Philip Athletic Hall of Fame. He has been inducted into the Battle Creek Amateur Sports Association, Michigan Amateur Baseball Association and Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fames and many more. He is, also, founder and supporter of three education scholarships in his name; and

WHEREAS, Coach Al Leibert taught physical education at Northwestern Middle School when it first opened in 1959. As Coach, he led many championship teams in basketball, football, baseball, track, tennis, swimming, and wrestling at Northwestern and beyond. He also spent many years as a top of the list sports official and referee; and

WHEREAS, Coach/educator Al Leibert is known for his quiet manner and influence on youth. His belief is to treat every youth fairly but firmly while at the same time letting them know they have a friend when they need one; and

WHEREAS, he has given this community a profound legacy of personal attention, dedication, compassion, kindness, respect, and love. It is only fitting that the Battle Creek Public School Board honor Coach Al Leibert by naming the Northwestern Middle School gym floor as, "Al Leibert Court" as a tribute to his legendary coaching and as an educator for over 65 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deborah G. Owens, Mayor of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, do hereby proclaim *September 18, 2015*, as

"COACH AL LEIBERT DAY"

in the Greater Battle Creek Area and encourage citizens to join the Battle Creek City Commission in recognizing and thanking Coach Al Leibert for his contributions to the community by attending the dedication ceremony on Friday, September 18, 2015, at 2:00 pm at Northwestern Middle School.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Logo of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, to be affixed this 15th day of September 2015.

Deborah G. Owens, Mayor