

**WHEREAS,** the Battle Creek Chapter of the NAACP holds an annual Heritage Quiz Bowl to encourage the youth of Battle Creek to know and celebrate Black History; and

**WHEREAS,** the Heritage Quiz Bowl centers on the quote of Marcus Garvey that, “A people without the knowledge of their history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots”; and

**WHEREAS,** on February 17, 2018, Autumn Dorsey, Mohamed Ahamed, Sanye Sichinga, and Gabriel Williams, members of the Youth Advisory Board to the Battle Creek City Commission won first place in their age division at the Battle Creek NAACP Heritage Quiz Bowl; and

**WHEREAS,** this team from the Youth Advisory Board, on their own free time and of their own deep desire for knowledge, committed themselves to the task of memorizing over 30 pages of facts ranging from those about local civic leaders to world renowned inventors and innovators; and

**WHEREAS,** the Youth Advisory Board’s 2018 Quiz Bowl team exemplifies Marcus Garvey’s metaphorical tree, growing proud and tall from its strong roots.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Mark A. Behnke, Mayor of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, do hereby proclaim that the Youth Advisory Board 2018 NAACP Heritage Quiz Bowl Team be recognized for its first place win, and I call upon all citizens of the Greater Battle Creek Area to continue their support of Battle Creek Youth and the Battle Creek NAACP Heritage Quiz Bowl.

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.



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Mark A. Behnke, Mayor