

Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Robert (Bobby) Holley is a lifelong dedicated resident of Battle Creek who has devoted the past 30 years to fighting crime, violence, drugs, bullying, gun violence, homelessness, and raising help for the disabled. We are honored to show our appreciation for his commitment and tireless efforts to create peace, love, unity, and harmony, not just to our community, but all communities throughout the nation; and
- WHEREAS,** he graduated from Battle Creek Central High School and was inducted into the Hall of Fame Class of 2015-16. A stint in the U.S. Army followed from 1966-68 where he received the U.S. Army Physical Training Award. Afterwards, he attended Kellogg Community College and further obtained his bachelor's degree in communications with a minor in music from Western Michigan University. He retired from the Battle Creek Federal Center and for the past 17 years has substitute taught in local schools; and
- WHEREAS,** as a former Stax recording artist, he had hits on music charts while touring around the nation with Jr. Walker and the All Stars, Al Green, The O'Jays, and many more. He is responsible for planning tributes to many local African-American recording artists; and
- WHEREAS,** he has been instrumental in recognizing those who have helped make history great in Battle Creek. He assisted in renaming streets honoring Helen Montgomery and William E. Boards, Jr., as well as a park after Julia V. Milner. He chaired a committee to name the gym floor at Northwestern Middle School, "Al Leibert Court"; and
- WHEREAS,** Bobby boldly endures the worst of conditions in his heartfelt pursuit of raising awareness by walking and crawling countless miles. He brazenly demonstrates with illustrative gestures, such as the time he tied himself to a wooden cross to protest violence. It is only fitting that we recognize Bobby Holley for his passion in making our community a safer place to live for all;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark A. Behnke, Mayor of the City of Battle Creek, do hereby proclaim that

"BOBBY HOLLEY"

be recognized for his passion and dedication to the Battle Creek community.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of Battle Creek, Michigan, to be affixed this 17th day of April 2018.



Mayor Mark A. Behnke

