

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

Testimonial Resolution

Flag of Remembrance 1865

- WHEREAS,** The Flag of Remembrance 1865 was founded by Rodney D. Deal, a native of Detroit. Mr. Deal is the curator of the *Freedom Confirmed: The 142nd Anniversary of the Thirteenth Amendment* exhibition on display at the Detroit Historical Society Museum. In addition, Mr. Deal is the author of the book, *The Flag of Remembrance 1865: In Commemoration of the Thirteenth Amendment*; **and**
- WHEREAS,** The Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America abolished slavery throughout the evolving nation. Freedom was unequivocally established, especially for African Americans, in America in 1865, after the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment on December 18, 1865; **and**
- WHEREAS,** The Flag of Remembrance 1865 and the Banner of Remembrance 1865 are symbols that were created to commemorate the year 1865 as the historical cornerstone of freedom for all African Americans and to celebrate the freedom of all Americans. The flag and banner are original designs depicting America's lucrative agricultural foundation that was built on slave labor from the 1600s through the 1800s. The symbols promote an inclusive, inspirational, and positive social initiative that increases awareness of building unity and harmony in society; **and**
- WHEREAS,** The *Freedom Confirmed: The 142nd Anniversary of the Thirteenth Amendment* exhibition is on display at the Detroit Historical Society Museum on Saturday December 8, 2007 through Sunday March 2, 2008. It will chronicle and commemorate the social and political journey to freedom in 1865 through a revelatory framework. The exhibition will also spotlight the important social historical facts about the year 1865, as well as the contributions of local Detroiters to America's freedom; **and**
- WHEREAS,** The *Freedom Confirmed: The 142nd Anniversary of the Thirteenth Amendment* exhibition will be an educating, inspiring, and commemorating experience. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the Detroit City Council, Office of Councilwoman Brenda Jones, hereby joins with family and friends in honoring Mr. Rodney Deal and Flag of Remembrance 1865 for this historical initiative and commitment to the City of Detroit. May Mr. Rodney Deal and Flag of Remembrance 1865 continue to receive and share the many blessings of the Lord.

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December 7, 2007

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