

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The six military inductees represent an exemplary military careers and include: Margaret A. Brewer – First woman general in the Marine Corps, Duane D. Hackney – Most decorated Air Force enlisted person, Alexander Jefferson – One of the famous Tuskegee Airmen, Charles S. Kettles – Medal of Honor recipient for Vietnam War, Jack R. Lousma – NASA Astronaut and retired Marine Corps Colonel, Donald E. Odell – Vietnam prisoner of war for over five years; and

WHEREAS, The six veterans inductees represent extraordinary accomplishments in the community and include: Joe Louis Barrow Sr. – World Heavyweight Boxing Champion, Tyrone Chatman – Awarded “*Spirit of Detroit*” award six times, John D. Dingell Jr. – Longest serving Congressman in history, Michael Ilitch Sr. – Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers owner, Keith K. King – The National Veterans Small Business Champion and Vince W. Patton – Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, and Petty Officer 1st Class Roger L. Yoder of Jerome; and

WHEREAS, We are extremely proud all Jackson residents who have served in the United States Armed Forces including Medal of Honor recipients Edwin Savacool and William Withington for valor during the Civil War, with James Bondsteel awarded the Nation's highest military honor for service in the Vietnam War, as award winning actor James Earl Jones was one of 19 finalists for induction in the veterans category; and

WHEREAS, The City of Jackson issues a Proclamation to commemorate the Michigan Military and Veterans Hall of Honor inaugural ceremony at 2 p.m., Friday, May 17, 2017, in the Michigan History Museum, 702 Kalamazoo St., Lansing, Michigan 48915. This Jackson based nonprofit organization enabled Michigan to become just the 12th state in the Nation to have an entity to recognize service members on a statewide level; and

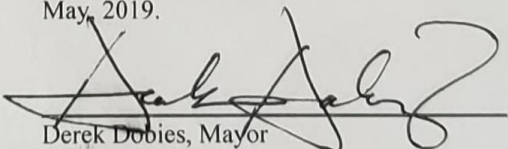
WHEREAS, I and members of the City Council are proud you are members of the Jackson business community and have established the Michigan Military and Veterans Hall of Honor to appropriately recognize Michigan's most distinguished service members,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Derek Dobies, on behalf of the Jackson City Council and citizens of Jackson, by virtue of the power vested in me under the Charter of the City, do hereby proclaim the day of May 17, 2019, as:

MICHIGAN MILITARY AND VETERANS HALL OF HONOR DAY

in the City of Jackson, Michigan.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Jackson, Michigan, to be affixed this 17th day of May, 2019.


Derek Dobies, Mayor

