

RESOLUTION

NO. R-20-436

CITY HALL: December 17, 2020

BY: COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS

SECONDED BY:

WHEREAS, the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Louisiana was reported on March 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the virus spread rapidly throughout the New Orleans metro area, with cases ranging from mild to fatal; and

WHEREAS, sweeping restrictions were needed to control the spread of COVID-19, such as physical distancing and limits on gatherings, and continue in part to date; and

WHEREAS, many beloved community members have passed away during this time, from COVID-19 and many other causes; and

WHEREAS, while New Orleans has largely heeded calls to be cautious, this has prevented us from memorializing our lost loved ones in true New Orleans fashion; and

WHEREAS, it's important to commemorate those we've lost during this difficult time, and the City's collective efforts to do so could help bring unity and healing; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That the Council hereby requests, when it is both safe and feasible to do so, the City host a public memorial ceremony to honor and celebrate those lives lost during the COVID-19 pandemic whose send-offs were restricted in the interest of public safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council kindly requests the Clerk of Council to submit a copy of this Resolution to Mayor LaToya Cantrell upon approval.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.