

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

July 20, 2016

RESOLUTION HONORING THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL JAZZ SERVICE AT THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH

WHEREAS, The first Annual Jazz Service at the historic First Unitarian Church, a liberal, progressive religious community in Downtown New Bedford, began thirty-five years ago by Jazz legend Bobby Greene and his band Coleus; and

WHEREAS, The original band members included: Bill Britto, Bobby Greene, Richard Haddocks, John Harrison, Herbie King and Danny Schwartz, the purpose was to feature local musicians with an acoustic blend of music; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, many other great musicians have participated in keeping live music in Downtown New Bedford during the Fourth of July weekend; and

WHEREAS, This event is always free to the public and open to all ages; and

WHEREAS, The thirty-fifth year of this highly respected performance by the New Bedford Jazz Ensemble featured some of the regions finest players, including: John Harrison III, piano, Danny Schwartz, percussion, Tiny Tavares, vocal, Stan Strickland, vocal, sax and flute, Dori Rubbiccio, vocal, Michael Lavoie, acoustic bass and Yoron Israel, drums; and

WHEREAS, The thirty-fifth Annual Jazz Service was in memory of former longtime performers of this event who are now deceased; Bobbie Greene, Herbie King, Rick Britto and Armsted Christian; and

WHEREAS, The 2016 Jazz Service had more than 275 people in attendance, one of their largest crowds ever;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby honors the **THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL JAZZ SERVICE AT THE FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH**, thanks them for bringing music to New Bedford, and also thanks the musicians, bakers, volunteers and everyone involved who donated their time and efforts into making this such a successful yearly event.