

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 32081

A RESOLUTION providing an honorary designation of Union St between 21st and 22nd Streets as “D’Vonne Pickett Jr. Way.”

WHEREAS, D’Vonne Pickett Jr.’s personal philosophy of life inspired his vision and commitment which was a driving force in empowering the Central District and surrounding neighborhoods, as well as other cities in the United States and around the world touched by his presence and inspiration; and

WHEREAS, one of D’Vonne’s biggest accomplishments to date was the opening of The Postman back in August 2018, named in commemoration of his great grandfather, Jacques Chappell, retired from the US Postal Service after 37+ years, a business D’Vonne had made into an essential center of community within the Central District and the entire Seattle community; and

WHEREAS, D’Vonne started playing football for the Central District Panthers at an early age and continued investing much time, love, and energy to the Panther family and community as assistant coach, promoted to head coach in 2022; D’Vonne’s beloved children, D’Vonne III and Khloe, also embodied Panther pride – D’Vonne III as a member of the team coached by his father and Khloe as an enthusiastic member of the Panthers cheerleading squad; and

WHEREAS, D’Vonne embodied and internalized the belief of being “HEAVY” over airy in all of his endeavors, particularly in his role as a family patriarch, as a mentor and a friend to almost everyone he encountered throughout life, a sentiment he often uniquely expressed in the form of his favorite catchphrase, “Stop Playin!”; and

1 WHEREAS, D’Vonne’s efforts have allowed his community and residents of other Seattle
2 neighborhoods to view life in a significant and meaningful way that is aligned with all of
3 our life’s divine purpose; “My value to everyone I reach is sacred. My people follow my
4 lead in so many ways. It’s enlightening to be such a magnetic soul,” as D’Vonne Pickett
5 Jr. embraced this role and the responsibilities that come with it; and

6 WHEREAS, the relationships and connections D’Vonne cultivated throughout his journey have
7 created numerous opportunities for him, his life, and legacy. D’Vonne aspired to keep
8 communities connected in as many forms as possible; he was devoted to making sure his
9 time spent on earth was spent usefully; and

10 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle recognizes the leadership and significance of D’Vonne Pickett
11 Jr.’s selfless service and sacrifice to the entire Emerald City that expresses its
12 appreciation for his contributions to the Central District and Seattle community at large;

13 NOW, THEREFORE,

14 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**
15 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

16 Section 1. E Union St. between 21st and 22nd Avenues shall have an honorary
17 designation as “D’Vonne Pickett Jr. Way.”

18 Section 2. The Council requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation
19 manufacture, install, and maintain honorary signs along E Union St between 21st and 22nd
20 Avenues, which shall reflect the “D’Vonne Pickett Jr. Way” honorary designation.

