## CITY OF MUSKEGON RESOLUTION NO. 2024-100(C)

## A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE A PORTION OF WESTERN AVENUE AS "L.C. WALKER WAY" IN HONOR OF LOUIS CARLISLE WALKER

WHEREAS, Louis Carlisle (L.C.) Walker was a co-founder of the Shaw-Walker Company in Muskegon, Michigan, a business that played a pivotal role in the city's industrial and economic development, creating thousands of jobs and establishing Muskegon as a prominent manufacturing center in the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, L.C. Walker's legacy extends far beyond his business achievements, as he was a dedicated philanthropist who generously supported the civic and cultural growth of Muskegon through numerous donations, including significant contributions to the Hackley Art Gallery and funding for the L.C. Walker Arena, a cornerstone of community events, sports, and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Muskegon desires to honor the life and contributions of L.C. Walker by designating a portion of Western Avenue, between Division Street and Franklin Street, as "L.C. Walker Way," to serve as a lasting tribute to his profound impact on the city and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** this added honorary street name will serve as a reminder of Walker's enduring legacy and commitment to the growth and development of Muskegon, recognizing his role in the city's economic, social, and cultural history; and

**WHEREAS,** the commemorative naming of this portion of Western Avenue does not alter official addresses but adds an honorary designation to further commemorate L.C. Walker's contributions to the city;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Muskegon:

- 1. The portion of Western Avenue between Division Street and Franklin Street shall be designated as "L.C. Walker Way" in honor of L.C. Walker.
- 2. Appropriate signage reflecting this honorary street name shall be installed at the intersections of Western Avenue with Division Street and Franklin Street, ensuring visibility to residents and visitors.
- 3. The City Commission hereby directs city staff to coordinate with relevant departments for the successful implementation of this honorary street naming.
- 4. The City of Muskegon extends its deepest gratitude to L.C. Walker and his family for their ongoing contributions to the community and recognizes the lasting impact of his vision, leadership, and generosity.

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024

Kenneth D. Johnson, Mayor

Ann Marie Meisch, City Clerk