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2 **Renaming the Section of Holeclaw Street Between the Intersections of Bunche Street and**
3 **Hicks Avenue** - For the purpose of declaring that the section of Holeclaw Street, between the
4 intersections of Bunche Street and Hicks Avenue, shall be renamed “Norwood Brown Lane” to
5 honor the contributions of Mr. Thomas Norwood Brown to the City of Annapolis.

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7 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
8 **City of Annapolis**

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10 **Resolution 36-16**

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12 **Introduced by: Alderwoman Pindell Charles**

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14 **Referred to**

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17 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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19 **Renaming the Section of Holeclaw Street**
20 **Between the Intersections of Bunche Street and Hicks Avenue**

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22 **FOR** the purpose of declaring that the section of Holeclaw Street, between the intersections of
23 Bunche Street and Hicks Avenue, shall be renamed “Norwood Brown Lane” to honor the
24 contributions of Mr. Thomas Norwood Brown to the City of Annapolis.

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26 **WHEREAS,** on November 2, 2016 the Heritage Commission of Annapolis voted unanimously
27 to rename the section of Holeclaw Street, between the intersections of Bunche
28 Street and Hicks Avenue, to “Norwood Brown Lane” to honor the contributions
29 of Mr. Thomas Norwood Brown to the City of Annapolis; and

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31 **WHEREAS,** the Heritage Commission of Annapolis has forwarded its recommendation to the
32 Annapolis City Council for a vote of approval to rename the section of Holeclaw
33 Street, between the intersections of Bunche Street and Hicks Avenue, to
34 “Norwood Brown Lane” to honor the contributions of Mr. Thomas Norwood
35 Brown to the City of Annapolis; and

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37 **WHEREAS,** the renaming of the section of Holeclaw Street, between the intersections of
38 Bunche Street and Hicks Avenue, is part of an ongoing 100 year celebration of
39 the Walter S. Mills-Parole Elementary School – 1916-2016; and

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41 **WHEREAS,** Mr. Thomas Norwood Brown served as the first Alderman to represent Parole
42 when Parole was annexed into the City of Annapolis in 1951, Alderman Brown
43 served admirably from 1951 to 1967, he chaired the Ordinance and Bylaws
44 Committee, he sponsored the Open Occupancy Housing Ordinance, he advocated
45 for the first Black members to all City Commissions, he sponsored the first Black

1 policemen and staff members in his capacity as a member of the Police
2 Committee; and
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4 **WHEREAS,** Alderman Brown was a true "Renaissance Man" - he worked tirelessly and
5 contributed mightily to the fabric and to the growth of the community, he was a
6 leader in many community and church organizations, including: the Parole
7 Improvement Association (Charter Member); the Community Health Center at
8 Parole, Inc., serving on the Committee to develop this facility; the Annapolis City
9 Commission to develop the Stanton Community Center; the Anne Arundel
10 County Community Chest (Vice-President); the Regional Board of the Red Cross,
11 representing the Disaster Committee, Anne Arundel County Red Cross Chapter;
12 the Annapolis Urban Renewal Authority; the Housing and Community
13 Development Committee; the Frontiers Club International; the Anne Arundel
14 County YMCA; the Banneker-Douglass Museum, Inc.; the NAACP (Life
15 Member); Bowie State College Foundation, Inc.; the Salvation Army Advisory
16 Board; the Providence Center, Inc.; St. Philip's Episcopal Church (Vestry and
17 Finance Committees); Delegate to the Diocese Commission for the Aged; the
18 Fairhaven Life Care Community (Board of Directors), Sykesville; the Search
19 Committee, New Bishop Coadjutor, Maryland; and the Community Organizer's
20 Association, HUD Area 2 (which included Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland,
21 Washington, DC, and Virginia); and
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23 **WHEREAS,** Alderman Brown was a very astute and successful businessman, he owned and
24 operated a Taxi business as well as a Restaurant, obtained a license as an
25 Insurance Salesman and worked as an Independent Agent, he was awarded a
26 federal contract to operate the Parole Post Office, and obtained a real estate
27 license when he sold property and managed a private housing project; and
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29 **WHEREAS,** Alderman Brown was a life-long resident of Parole who attended the Stanton
30 Elementary and High Schools; and
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32 **WHEREAS,** many of Alderman Brown's family members continue to reside in Anne Arundel
33 County, and his family members attended our Annapolis area schools, including
34 the Parole Elementary School; and
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36 **WHEREAS,** there are no residences on that section of Holeclaw Street, between the
37 intersections of Bunche Street and Hicks Avenue; and
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39 **WHEREAS,** the renaming of this street does not conflict with any other City street names nor
40 Anne Arundel County street names in the Annapolis area.
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43 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that
44 the section of Holeclaw Street, between the intersections of Bunche Street and Hicks Avenue,
45 shall be renamed "Norwood Brown Lane" to honor the contributions of Mr. Thomas Norwood
46 Brown to the City of Annapolis.

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2 **AND BT IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that all
3 “Norwood Brown Lane” street signage shall bear the former designation of “Holeclaw Street” as
4 is the custom on other street signs in the City of Annapolis.

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6 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this
7 resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage.
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10 **EXPLANATION**

11 CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law.

12 ~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

13 Underlining indicates amendments.