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2 **Designating Northwest Street as an Honorary Street in Memory of De Lorma “Dee”**
3 **Goodwyn**

4 For the purpose of commemorating longtime City resident De Lorma “Dee” Goodwyn by the
5 honorary designation of Northwest Street, located between Church Circle and College Creek, as
6 ‘De Lorma “Dee” Goodwyn Way’.

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9 **City Council of the**
10 **City of Annapolis**

11 **Resolution 5-26**

12 **Introduced by: Mayor Littmann**

13 **Co-sponsored by: Alderman Schandelmeier, Alderwoman Contee,**
14 **Alderwoman O’Neill, Alderman Smith-Brown, and Alderwoman Allsup-Johnson**

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16 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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20 honorary designation of Northwest Street, located between Church Circle and College
21 Creek, as ‘De Lorma “Dee” Goodwyn Way’.

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24 **WHEREAS,** The City of Annapolis recognizes the profound impact of individuals who
25 dedicate their lives to the betterment of our community through leadership, civic
26 engagement, and an unwavering commitment to justice; and

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28 **WHEREAS,** De Lorma “Dee” Goodwyn (1950–2026) was a lifelong Annapolitan, a graduate
29 of Annapolis High School and the University of Maryland, whose deep roots in
30 this City informed her lifelong service; and

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32 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Goodwyn was a founding member and a pillar of the Caucus of African
33 American Leaders, where she worked tirelessly to amplify the voices of the
34 marginalized and strengthen the fabric of our local democracy; and

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36 **WHEREAS,** Her vision and persistence were instrumental in the establishment of the
37 Guardians of the First Amendment Memorial, honoring the journalists and staff
38 killed at the *Capital Gazette* newspaper in 2018 and ensuring that the legacy of
39 those who defend our fundamental First Amendment rights is preserved for future

1 generations; and
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3 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Goodwyn was a fierce champion for the recognition of all Maryland's
4 leaders, leading the efforts for the Parren J. Mitchell Memorial located outside the
5 Pip Moyer Recreation Center on Hilltop Lane; and
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7 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Goodwyn lent her expertise and fairness to the governance of our region,
8 serving with distinction on the Annapolis Human Relations Commission and the
9 Anne Arundel County Personnel Board; and
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11 **WHEREAS,** Mrs. Goodwyn organized the Michelle Obama Awards, highlighting women in
12 the Annapolis and Anne Arundel communities during the 2019 celebration of the
13 100th anniversary of women's suffrage; and
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15 **WHEREAS,** Beyond her professional and civic accolades, Mrs. Goodwyn was a woman of
16 immense warmth, style, and grace; a "unifying spirit" who possessed the rare gift
17 of making every person she encountered feel seen and valued; and
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19 **WHEREAS,** It is fitting that the City of Annapolis permanently honors her memory and her
20 contributions to our community.
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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that:

23 **Section 1 - Honorary Designation.**

- 24 A. The City of Annapolis confers the honorary naming of Northwest Street in memory
25 of De Lorma "Dee" Goodwyn; and
26 B. Northwest Street between Church Circle and College Creek shall bear the honorary
27 designation of 'De Lorma "Dee" Goodwyn Way' to honor Mrs. Goodwyn's lasting
28 legacy of compassion and justice.

29 **Section 2 - Signage.**

30 The City Manager is instructed to ensure the installation of commemorative signage
31 reflecting the honorary street name for Northwest Street in the City of Annapolis, which
32 shall be designated as 'De Lorma "Dee" Goodwyn Way.'

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34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that a copy of
35 this Resolution shall be presented to the family of De Lorma "Dee" Goodwyn as a token of the
36 City's respect and gratitude.
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38 **AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this
39 resolution shall take effect upon passage.
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