

Resolution initiating the process to rename the park property known as Hood Park located on Hood Street between 5th Ave. S. and 6th St. S.

WHEREAS, "Adams Street Playground" was the original, designated name of the of the park located on Hood Street between 5th Avenue South and 6th Street South, in the Nolen Master Plan formally adopted by the Common Council in 1908, and

WHEREAS, during the course of time, the name of this park unofficially changed several times in reference to the street it was on, it was called Hood Street Playground, Hood Street Park and finally called Hood Park, and

WHEREAS, George C. Coleman Poage, a Black American man, raised in La Crosse, Wisconsin, who graduated Salutatorian from La Crosse High School and graduated with Honors from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and

WHEREAS, George C. Coleman Poage was the first Black American Big 10 All American Athlete from the University of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, George C. Coleman Poage was the first Black athlete to win an Olympic Medal in the History of the United States at the 1908 Olympics, and

WHEREAS, Powell-Hood-Hamilton Neighborhood Association, during their regular February 2013 meeting, unanimously voted to change the name of Hood Park to the George C. Poage Park, and

WHEREAS, The La Crosse Board of Park Commissioners, during their regular February 2013 meeting, also unanimously voted to change the name of Hood Park to the George C. Poage Park, and

WHEREAS, Council Members John J. Satory, Sara Sullivan and Francis J. Formanek have directed the Parks and Recreation Director to prepare legislation that they will sponsor to change the name of Hood Park to the George C. Poage Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse, that it hereby convenes the City of La Crosse Facilities Naming Committee, within the next thirty (30) days, to proceed with this naming recommendation, and to report back to the council at its regularly scheduled meeting May 9th, 2013.