

RESOLUTION 26-

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, wish to honor the memory and legacy of Dave Gallaher, lovingly known by the community as “Microwave Dave,” recognizing his significant contributions to the music scene in the City of Huntsville and impactful life, marked by a dedication to furthering music accessibility, awareness, and education in the Tennessee Valley; and

WHEREAS, Microwave Dave’s love for music began in Chicago, Illinois, where he was raised and immersed in music from a young age, playing instruments, such as the ukulele, guitar, trumpet, and French horn, and later, when his family moved to Atlanta, Georgia, he attended Georgia State College and formed a horn-drive R&B band, The Majestics, marking the official start of his musical career; and

WHEREAS, as a Vietnam War veteran, serving in the United States Air Force, Microwave Dave’s life was marked by a dedication to serving others, which he would eventually combine with his passion for music to create a more enriched City after moving to Huntsville in the mid-1980s; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Microwave Dave formed Microwave Dave and the Nukes, developing a national following over the decades, and throughout the years, he could be seen performing at Huntsville’s most iconic arts and music events, including Panoply, Concerts in the Park, among many others; and

WHEREAS, as an advocate for the community’s youth, Microwave Dave founded the Microwave Dave Music Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring students by bringing music education to local classrooms and providing scholarship opportunities for music lessons at local music academies, believing musical education was vital to youth development; and

WHEREAS, in addition to advocating for musical education in local classrooms and instilling a passion for music in the area’s students, Microwave Dave performed at various group and nursing homes, as well as assisted living facilities, throughout the community, firmly believing that music should be accessible to all; and

WHEREAS, to further local musical awareness, Microwave Dave hosted a program on WLRH 89.3 FM and WJAB 90.9 FM, “Talkin’ the Blues,” for thirty years, which highlighted the traditions and sounds of local artists, serving as a vital cultural resource for the Tennessee Valley; and

WHEREAS, as a beloved Huntsville resident, Microwave Dave was known by his friends, and loved ones for his kindness, and his profound impact was widely recognized by the community; because of this, he was the recipient of the Key to the City of Huntsville in 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, do hereby recognize and honor the life, legacy, and enduring impact of Dave Gallaher, affectionally known as “Microwave Dave,” whose passion for music, dedication to service, and commitment to expanding access to music education has enriched the cultural fabric of our community, ensuring his legacy will long be remembered.

ADOPTED and PRESENTED on this the 14th day of **May, 2026**

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the __ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama