

**PROCLAMATION**  
**OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND**  
**HONORING THE MEMORY OF REPRESENTATIVE JOHN LEWIS**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council mourns the passing of John Lewis, an American hero and indomitable pillar of the Civil Rights movements, and celebrates his life, achievements, and sacrifices; and

**WHEREAS**, John Lewis was the last surviving member of the "Big Six" leaders of the 1960s civil rights movement; and

**WHEREAS**, John Lewis bravely lead protestors across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama during the events of “Bloody Sunday” and endured a brutal beating by local law enforcement, contributing to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965; and

**WHEREAS**, John Lewis served on the City of Atlanta’s Council for five years, where he advocated tirelessly to preserve neighborhoods and promote ethics in government; and

**WHEREAS**, John Lewis served as Georgia’s 5th Congressional District representative for over 30 years and 17 terms, further advocating to champion civil liberties and social justice for all Americans, but most especially African Americans who have historically been denied those rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council recognizes John Lewis’ lifelong commitment to affirming the ideals of justice, equity, and opportunity for everyone in the nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland hereby recognizes the many accomplishments of the Honorable John Lewis and honors his memory on this day.

**INTRODUCED AND PASSED** by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a Regular Meeting on August 3, 2020.

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Timothy J. Adams, Mayor

Attest:

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Awilda Hernandez, City Clerk