

RESOLUTION
BRENTON WOOD
(Posthumously)

WHEREAS, the fifth annual San Pedro Music Festival joins together families, artists, and music lovers from across the Harbor area and beyond to celebrate the rich musical and cultural heritage of the community; and

WHEREAS, the San Pedro Music Festival highlights the longstanding role that San Pedro and the Harbor area have played as a home for music, while platforming local artists and paying tribute to legends who have paved the way for others; and

WHEREAS, this year's annual festival honors Brenton Wood, an era-defining singer, songwriter, and performer whose influence on American soul and other genres remains profound; and

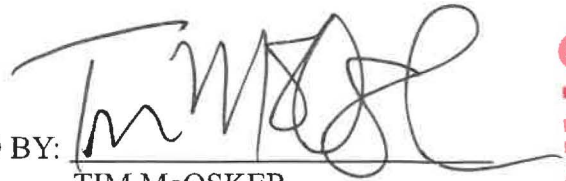
WHEREAS, born Alfred Jesse Smith, Brenton Wood rose to national stardom during the 1960s with chart-topping hits, most notably the classic song "The Oogum Boogum Song," which became a timeless anthem of its era and continues to resonate with audiences today; and

WHEREAS, before becoming an internationally recognized musical sensation, Brenton Wood grew up in San Pedro, where his father was a longshore worker and his mother worked at a seafood canning factory. Brenton's musical journey began at the age of seven, when he learned to play the piano from watching a neighbor, before his family later moved to Compton during his high school years; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Brenton Wood's unique vocals and distinctive musical style helped shape soul music, where his songs were mainstays on the music charts and led him to perform both domestically and internationally:

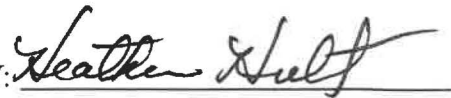
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby commends and honors BRENTON WOOD for his extraordinary musical achievements and his connection to the San Pedro community, and sincerely thanks the organizers of the San Pedro Music Festival for their continued dedication to bringing musical joy and celebration to the Harbor area.

PRESENTED BY:



TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

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