

Wilbert L. Dangerfield Award of Excellence

Whereas in 1926 Dr. Carter G Woodson, a pre-eminent historian and founder of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History created Negro History Week to recognize the accomplishments of Negroes throughout the history of the United States;

Whereas in 1976 the celebration of Negro History Week was expanded to include the entire month of February and became known as Black History Month, a federally recognized nationwide celebration that provides opportunity for all Americans to reflect on the significant roles that African Americans have played in the shaping of United States history;

Whereas many African Americans have contributed to the development of the City of Hammond and their accomplishments impact our lives through their works in education, healthcare, business and government;

Whereas the Hammond City Council endeavors to enhance the council's relationship with the Tangipahoa African American Heritage Museum, the Second Saturday Breakfast Organization and the Martin Luther King Park Association;

Whereas the City of Hammond desires to create an annual award to recognize individuals within the Hammond Community (including Tangipahoa Parish) who have positively impacted the lives of African Americans;

Whereas the City of Hammond desires to recognize local (including Tangipahoa Parish) African American (past and present) who have made significant accomplishments that have positively impacted the City of Hammond;

Now be it resolved that the City of Hammond will present each year during the second meeting in the month of February the *City of Hammond Wilbert L Dangerfield Award of Excellence* to a deserving citizen(s) who has made significant accomplishments that positively reflects on the City of Hammond or who represents through their actions and commitment the willingness to go the extra mile and make a positive impact in our communities in the City of Hammond.

There shall be a committee of (5) members for the purpose of selecting the recipient(s) of the *City of Hammond Wilbert L Dangerfield Award of Excellence*. The committee shall be made up of the following: (a) a nominee from the Tangipahoa African American Museum, (b) a nominee from the Tangipahoa Parish Library, (c) a nominee from the Martin Luther King Park Association and (d) two at large members appointed by the Council President. Each nominating group shall provide the full name and complete contact information of its nominee to the City Council clerk. The term of the appointment shall be for one year. The City Council President or his designee shall chair the selection committee.