

BY ALDS. RAINEY, BORKOWSKI, WITKOWSKI, HAMILTON, COGGS, STAMPER,  
PEREZ, LEWIS, JOHNSON, DODD

**WHEREAS,**

## **HARVEY SCALES**

*passed from this life on February 11, 2019 at the age of 78, and his funeral service was held on March 2, 2019 at Christian Faith Fellowship Church, 8605 W. Good Hope Rd.; and*

***WHEREAS,** Harvey Scales was born in 1941 in Osceola, Arkansas, and raised in Milwaukee; and*

***WHEREAS,** Harvey Scales was an accomplished American R&B singer, songwriter, and producer, and composed songs for groups such as The Dells, The Dramatics and The O'Jays and was the leader of his own group, Harvey Scales and The Seven Sounds; and*

***WHEREAS,** Harvey Scales was the first songwriter of a platinum-selling single when he co-wrote Johnnie Taylor's 1970s hit, "Disco Lady," which is the first single to ever sell over 1 million copies; and*

***WHEREAS,** Harvey Scales was known as Milwaukee's Godfather of Soul and his music reached millions of devoted fans all across the world, and influenced future generations of musicians, songwriters, and producers; and*

***WHEREAS,** Harvey Scales will be greatly missed by all who knew him, leaving to cherish his memory 13 children and at least 40 grandchildren, and is further survived by a host of other relatives, friends, and fans; now, therefore, be it*

***RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith expresses its condolences to the family and friends of Harvey Scales, recognizes his lasting impact on his community and the music industry, and mourns with deep sorrow the passing of this fine, upstanding man; and, be it*

***FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Harvey Scales.*

***Introduced by Common Council members Khalif J. Rainey, Mark A. Borkowski, Terry L. Witkowski, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Russell W. Stamper, II, José G. Pérez, Chantia Lewis, Cavalier Johnson and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on February 26, 2019.***