

Wilmington, Delaware
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**Council
Members
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WHEREAS, President Barack H. Obama is currently in the final months of serving two terms as the 44th President of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, President Obama’s tenure in the White House has brought improvements and enhancements to those throughout the nation – ranging from extending healthcare access to millions, to cutting the unemployment rate; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has also been a strong advocate for increasing investments in our nation’s infrastructure, and in particular, the need to repair, replace and enhance highways, bridges and other critical elements of our transit systems; and

WHEREAS, the President paid a visit to Wilmington in 2014 to address the depleted Highway Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, a proposed bridge project would erect a span that would connect Interstate 495 to the east of Wilmington, to the city’s Riverfront neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, like many other public structures, it is fitting to consider using such elements of the built environment to pay homage to those who have made considerable contributions to our communities, and who have championed related causes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to encourage the Delaware General Assembly to consider naming the proposed span between I-495 and the Wilmington Riverfront in honor of President Obama as a testimony to his legacy as president, as well as his leadership in promoting critical infrastructure investments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Council respectfully encourages the Delaware General Assembly to consider naming the proposed bridge span connecting I-495 and the Wilmington Riverfront “United States President Barack H. Obama Bridge,” in order to honor the legacy

of the 44th President of the United States of America, as well as his commitment to shining a light on infrastructure needs across the country, including those in Wilmington and the surrounding region.

Passed by City Council,

Attest: _____
City Clerk

Approved as to form this _____
day of December, 2016.

Assistant City Solicitor