

**A RESOLUTION BY
DETROIT CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
JAMES E. TATE JR. AND ANDRE L. SPIVEY**

**RESOLUTION CREATING THE CITY COUNCIL TASK FORCE ON BLACK
MALE ENGAGEMENT**

WHEREAS African American men continue to face significant socioeconomic challenges. Statistics have shown that African American men have higher rates of incarceration/recidivism, drug/alcohol use, institutionalization, premature death (violence and lack of access to quality health care) and poverty. Furthermore, African American men have lower rates of legal and sustainable employment, quality of life, economic mobility, educational achievement, civic participation; **and**

WHEREAS The need for a task force for African American males has arisen due to this alarming trend. The Task Force on Black Male Engagement will work diligently with community stakeholders to deliberate on the socioeconomic challenges facing African American youth and men residing in the City, create a strategic plan of action to and to provide strong leadership and mentoring to the participants; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED That the Detroit City Council hereby creates the Task Force on Black Male Engagement until December 2013; and **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED That the Task Force on Black Male Engagement will be chaired jointly by Council Members James E. Tate, Jr. and Andre L. Spivey; and **BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED That the Task Force on Black Male Engagement meetings are open to the public; with dates, times and locations to be noticed by the Office of the City Clerk.