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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
Legislative Policy Division (LPD) Staff

DATE: August 11, 2020

RE: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-144

Council President Jones directed the Legislative Policy Division to draft a resolution supporting Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-144 extending the prohibition against water shutoffs during the COVID-19 pandemic. The requested revised resolution is attached.

If Council has any other questions or concerns regarding this subject, LPD will be happy to provide further research and analysis upon request.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
GOVERNOR WHITMER'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-144**

By Council President Brenda Jones

WHEREAS, On Wednesday, July 8, 2020, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-144, extending the crucial protections of the previous Executive Order 2020-28 protecting residents from water shutoffs due to nonpayment based on inability to pay, during the COVID-19 epidemic in Michigan, because access to clean water is a public health necessity including but not limited to such a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 is only the latest evidence affirming the necessity of clean water for the benefit of basic public health; and

WHEREAS, It was in this context of supporting public health and human development activities, that are rendered impossible without access to clean water, that the United Nations General Assembly declared the human right to water and sanitation on July 28, 2010; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit City Council has been in the forefront of insistent, ongoing demands for a water affordability plan with rates indexed to low income families' capacity to pay, going back to 2005; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Detroit City Council strongly supports Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-144.; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Detroit City Council calls on Michigan's water- and sewerage-related policy makers at all levels of local, state and federal governments to provide adequate funding and administrative implementation of an effective water affordability plan modeled on the 2005 Detroit City Council resolution, as well as the recent water affordability ordinances and work in Baltimore, Philadelphia, Chicago and other communities; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy Director Liesl Eichler Clark, U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, U.S. Representatives Debbie Dingell and Rashida Tlaib, Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan and other officials responsible for appointments to the Great Lakes Water Authority board.