

**RESOLUTION HONORING FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF
THE DETROIT PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION
CATHERINE “CATHY” GOVAN
POSTHUMOUSLY**

Whereas, Catherine “Cathy” Govan was born and raised in Detroit, where she dedicated herself to numerous community and civic causes. In October 2013, she became the executive director of the newly formed Detroit Public Safety Foundation; and

Whereas, as the founding Executive Director, Ms. Govan provided the vision and organizational acumen to establish the Foundation as a vital partner to the Police Department, Fire Department, and Emergency Medical Services. She worked to ensure their missions and to uplift first responders for their selfless service; and

Whereas, her work gained support for public safety during challenging times and led to important programs and events. Executive Director Govan coordinated and raised funds to reinstate the Mounted Police Unit amid the City’s historic bankruptcy. She opened the Detroit Police Museum & Gift Shop and held the first Women in Blue and Above & Beyond celebrations. She was instrumental to the Police Department’s 150th Anniversary Celebration. Her early work with the development of *Drive To Thrive* for high school students and her leadership of other programs continue to benefit Detroit and the public safety community today; and

Whereas, the Board and many members interacted and worked with Executive Director Govan during her tenure. After she left for new opportunities in August 2017, she remained a resource and tireless supporter for the Public Safety Foundation and Detroit’s first responders. Sadly, on May 14, 2021, she succumbed to complications due to Covid-19. The Board continues to extend condolences to her family and friends, who celebrated her life and graciously asked others to support the Foundation in her honor.

Now Therefore Be It

Resolved, That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit, awards this resolution posthumously to Cathy Govan for her dedicated and visionary service as the executive director of the Detroit Public Safety Foundation from 2013-2017. Her professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the City of Detroit, its citizens, and its first responders merit our highest regards.

We salute you, former Executive Director Cathy Govan for a job well done.