

**RESOLUTION HONORING
DETROIT POLICE COMMISSIONER
MARTIN JONES (Posthumously)**

WHEREAS Martin Jones was appointed to the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners on June 26, 2020. An independent businessman, Commissioner Jones also was known throughout the community as a highly respected leader and spokesperson for Detroit 300, a coalition of residents, civic groups, businesses, and organizations that banded together to fight and deter crime in residential areas; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Jones brought his activism for safe streets and neighborhoods to his new role in civilian oversight of law enforcement. He actively engaged the community and police department on efforts to uplift public safety for all Detroiters. His fellow Commissioners valued him as a colleague and leader in the important work of civilian oversight of law enforcement, and they elected him as Vice Chair of the Board for a one-year term that began in July 2021; and

WHEREAS Vice Chair Jones continued to be among the first to knock on doors and to talk to residents whenever help was needed to get criminal suspects off the streets or to ensure justice for crime victims. His selfless and dedicated community service made him a hero to countless individuals and families. In 1999, DARE recognized him for saving a nine-year-old during an attack by a pit bull. In 2018, the City Council honored him with a Spirit of Detroit award for assisting in finding a 16-year-old and ensuring his safe return home; and

WHEREAS A 1981 graduate of Denby High School, Martin Jones passed away on the morning of Thursday, December 9, 2021. The Board mourns the untimely loss of our colleague and friend as Detroit loses a selfless leader, tenacious crime-fighter, and faithful community servant. We extend condolences to all his family, friends and loved ones, even as we celebrate the many contributions that he made as an activist and Police Commissioner to make our City better and safer for everyone.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department honor and salute Detroit Police Commissioner Martin Jones for his compassion, spirit of giving, leadership and commitment to the citizens of the City of Detroit. His legacy and outspoken passion for equality and accountability will forever support the framework through which the Board of Police Commissioners governs.

We thank and salute you, Commissioner Martin Jones.

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS