

**RESOLUTION HONORING
FORMER JUDGE and DEPUTY MAYOR ADAM SHAKOOR**

WHEREAS, Adam Shakoor made history as America’s first Muslim judge and the first Deputy Mayor of the City of Detroit. Throughout his diverse works and vast achievements, Judge Shakoor consistently uplifted civil rights and justice for all, and his steadfast dedication to the public good made him revered in his hometown of Detroit and around the world;

WHEREAS, From his earliest days growing up at the Sojourner Truth public housing development, he showed a mature strength of character, a probing and massive intellect, and a clear vision for making a positive difference in the world. He valued family and knew the importance of learning and education, which led him to earn bachelor, master and law degrees – all three from Wayne State University. During college, he converted to Islam, changed his name from Adam Caddell, and built a successful legal career as Adam Shakoor; and

WHEREAS, Countless legal, civic, religious, academic, and other organizations have and will continue to recognize his enduring legacy, which includes the landmark case of his successful defense in 1979 of the right to make the Muslim call to prayer over outside loudspeakers. He carried his innate sense of justice and fairness to the bench in 1981 as a judge in the Wayne County Common Pleas Court and later as Presiding Judge and Chief Judge of the 36th District Court; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Board of Police Commissioners knew Judge Shakoor as a civic leader, and many worked with him in advancing constitutional and social justice. After Mayor Coleman A. Young tapped him to become the city’s first deputy mayor, he worked more directly with Board members on important police reforms and policies. Deputy Mayor Shakoor played a key role in helping the Board, Police Department, and City meet many challenges from 1989-1993. After returning to private practice, he joined academia and remained a steadfast advocate who helped nurture new activists, in his family and throughout the community. Our world is a better place from Judge Shakoor’s legal contributions and public service. His life’s works – which included his impeccable role as the attorney for Rosa Parks – earned the utmost respect and gratitude in his lifetime. The Board now joins Judge Shakoor’s family and friends in mourning the passing on March 20, 2022 of a remarkable attorney and civic leader at 74 years old.

Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit, salutes the lifelong contributions and public service of former Judge and Deputy Mayor Adam Shakoor. The Board, which expressed its appreciation many times during his life, awards this resolution posthumously as a permanent testament of the gratitude of the Detroit community for his service, contributions, and lasting influence.