

## **RESOLUTION HONORING 1<sup>ST</sup> ASSISTANT CHIEF TODD A. BETTISON**

**WHEREAS** Todd A. Bettison is a proven dynamic leader with the ability to deliver results in high-pressure situations. He is a 27-year veteran of the Detroit Police Department and is only the second person ever appointed to the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief; and

**WHEREAS** He was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on June 13, 1994. Upon graduation from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Police Officer Bettison began his career in the Headquarters Surveillance Bureau. He was also assigned to the Office of the Assistant Chief and Office of the Chief of Staff; and

**WHEREAS** On January 22, 1999, Officer Bettison was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was reassigned to the Chief of Staff Office. Sergeant Bettison earned promotion to the rank of Lieutenant on October 27, 2000 and was assigned to the Office of the Assistant Chief; and

**WHEREAS** On July 31, 2003, Lieutenant Bettison was appointed to the rank of Inspector and served as the Officer in Charge of Fleet Management, Property Control, Eighth Precinct, and the Office of the Assistant Chief; and

**WHEREAS** Inspector Bettison was appointed to the rank of Commander on September 1, 2005 and was reassigned to the Office of the Assistant Chief. His other assignments included Officer in Charge of the Investigative Operations Unit, Northwestern District, Northeastern District, Patrol West, Patrol Operations and Communications Operations. On May 22, 2017, Commander Bettison was appointed to the rank of Deputy Chief and assigned to Chief's Neighborhood Liaison. His leadership of Neighborhood Police Officers and other programs brought positive changes for residents. On September 21, 2021, Deputy Chief Bettison was appointed to the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief of Police where he served until his retirement; and

**WHEREAS** The Board of Police Commissioners interacted with 1st Assistant Chief Bettison throughout his career. The Board respected his dedication as a law enforcement officer and his commitment to building bridges with residents and communities. His support of the Board's charter mandates led to many collaborations, including a joint presentation on police-community relations at the 2018 National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) Conference and invaluable support when Detroit celebrated the Board's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and hosted its first-ever NACOLE conference in 2019. He has been a regular presence at Board meetings and an invaluable resource for the Board and residents. Recently, Mayor Mike Duggan commended 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Bettison for "a remarkable ability to work positively with every type of community group to improve the city."

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of the City of Detroit recognizes and honors the commitment and devoted spirit of 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Todd Bettison. His service as a law enforcement professional has been greatly appreciated and has proven to be an invaluable asset for the entire department.

We thank and congratulate you, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Todd A. Bettison, and we wish you the best wishes in your future endeavors.