

**Resolution Honoring
Detroit Activist Dr. John Telford**

WHEREAS In the 1990s, Dr. Telford served as the Executive Director of Detroit SNAP (Safe Neighborhoods Action Plan), working with local gangs out of a police mini-station on Chene Street to curb gang violence. He also served as the Director of the old Detroit Team for Justice, the director of Education programs at Wolverine Human Services, and as director of the Peace-for-Youth programs sponsored by Detroit's Central United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS After graduating from DPS and WSU with multiple sprint records, NCAA All-American status, and having gone undefeated in Europe on the U.S. national track team, Detroit activist and educator John Telford taught and administrated in Detroit Public Schools for many years, during which he steered many troubled young Detroiters in the right direction. From 2012-2013, he served pro bono as the Superintendent of the Detroit Public Schools. Dr. Telford's other achievements include writing the Telford Telescope column in the Detroit Native Sun and the Poet's Corner column in the Downtown Monitor. Additionally, he appears on WCHB AM1340 and WJZZ Internet television in which he frequently features community public safety and anti-violence themes; and

WHEREAS As the DPSCD Poet-in-Residence since 2017, Dr. Telford now teaches poetry at Frederick Douglass Academy and goes around to the high schools reciting his poetry, which he uses to teach resolution of conflicts with peaceful solutions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit, recognizes and honors lifelong resident Dr. John Telford. His many contributions, commitment and dedication has had a profound lifelong impact on the citizens of Detroit.

We thank and congratulate you.