

**RESOLUTION HONORING POLICE COMMISSIONER
SHIRLEY A. BURCH
POSTHUMOUSLY**

WHEREAS Shirley Burch has etched a lasting mark on the City of Detroit, its residents, and its institutions during decades of civic leadership and community service, including most recently as a member of the Board of Police Commissioners; and

WHEREAS Police Commissioner Burch was elected by the residents of District 3 in northeast Detroit. As part of the City’s official swearing in ceremony in January 2018, Commissioner Burch had the distinct honor of taking the oath of office from civil rights legend and U.S. District Court Judge Damon Keith; and

WHEREAS During her term, Commissioner Burch has been committed to serving the community and upholding civilian oversight of the Detroit Police Department. As a Police Commissioner, she engaged in many police-community activities and public safety outreach programs. Her vision and leadership helped launch the successful “Love Where You Live” campaign, which included billboards and posters placed at churches, stores, police precincts and numerous other locations – and provided inspiration of other cities to adopt such slogans. Her evident pride in the City of Detroit and the Police Department led her to honor the public service of Derrick Sanders, who died while serving on the Board. Though they had never met, Commissioner Burch took on the heart-felt mission to create and name a walking path in his honor at a local park; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Burch is the founder of Communities United for Progress, and continues to be a forceful leader for uplifting and improving her community and all of Detroit. While Police Commissioner Burch completed her four-year term at the end of 2021, her contributions to civilian oversight, the Board of Police Commissioners, the Detroit Police Department, and the greater community will endure;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution in recognition of dedicated and diligent service by Police Commissioner Shirley Burch. Her dedication and commitment to civilian oversight, the City of Detroit, and its citizens merit our highest regards.

We salute you, Commissioner Shirley A. Burch for a job well done.