RESOLUTION HONORING CHIEF JAMES E. WHITE

WHEREAS

James E. White was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on January 8, 1996 upon graduation from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy. Police Officer White began his career in the Sixth Precinct. He was also assigned to Internal Controls; and

WHEREAS

On October 27, 2000, Officer White was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and re-assigned to the Sixth Precinct and later to Northwestern District IOU. Sgt. White was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on June 1, 2006 and assigned to the Operations Portfolio; and

WHEREAS

On December 3, 2007, Lt. White was appointed to the rank of Commander and assigned to the Northeastern District, Western District, Special Projects Section, Training-Staff, Office of the Assistant Chief of Police, and Office of Civil Rights; and

WHEREAS

Commander White was appointed to the rank of Deputy Chief on December 20, 2012 and re-assigned to the Assistant Chief of Police Office. On February 27, 2013, Deputy Chief White was appointed to the rank of Assistant Chief of Police. After leaving in 2020 to become director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, he returned in August 2021 upon his appointment as Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS

His career demonstrated a close and effective relationship with the Board of Police Commissioners, the vital role of civilian oversight of law enforcement, and the Detroit community. In every endeavor, Chief White always showed the utmost knowledge, expertise, and pride in being a public safety professional and a member of the Detroit Police Department; and

WHEREAS

Chief White is a graduate of Wayne County Community College and Wayne State University. He holds an Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies and a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology, with a concentration in Psychology. He earned a Master of Science in Counseling from Central Michigan University, and in 2018 earned an MBA Certificate from the Wayne State Leadership Academy in the Mike Ilitch School of Business. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and an ex-officio member of Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES). A state-certified counselor, he is involved with numerous organizations in the Detroit community, where his contributions and leadership will continue.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the Detroit Police Department and the residents of the City of Detroit recognizes and honors the commitment and devoted spirit of Chief James E. White. His organizational leadership has been an invaluable asset for the entire Department and his dedication to improving public safety in the City has made the Department stronger and made Detroit a better place to live, work and visit.

We thank and congratulate you for a job well done, Chief James E. White.