

## Resolution honoring Eric Ford

- Whereas, Frustrated residents, business owners, and community advocates founded Detroit 300 in the mid-2000s to address a new era of neighborhood safety, social, and cultural challenges. Detroit 300 became a vigilant community powerhouse as its volunteers worked for the apprehension of dangerous crime suspects, protected homes against arson, and patrolled streets by the hundreds in distinctive orange vests; and
- Whereas, Eric Ford became a volunteer, leader, and president for Detroit 300. He had a deep commitment to the battle against violence. As a teenager, he lost his mother to a senseless murder, and that tragedy fueled his vision and passion to keep people safe and improve the city; and
- Whereas, Mr. Ford worked shoulder to shoulder with people from every walk of life. He tirelessly went door to door advocating on behalf of crime victims, seeking out witnesses, and providing support for victims, witnesses, and their families. Many called him Superman, and he played a leading role as Detroit 300 solved major crimes, helped the police with multiple arrests, and gave countless families justice and peace; and
- Whereas, The Board of Police Commissioners has known and worked with Mr. Ford throughout his decades of community activism and his leadership with Detroit 300. The close alliance was most visible when Detroit 300 spokesman and leader Martin Jones became a Police Commissioner in 2020 and a Vice Chair in 2021. The bond became even stronger recently as Mr. Ford led Detroit 300 to join the City's community violence intervention program ShotStoppers. It was a great fit for Mr. Ford, who always wanted people to live in harmony, without fear of violence and crime; and
- Whereas, Detroit has lost a civic giant with the passing of Eric "Superman" Ford at 58 years old. The community will gather in celebration of his life at Fellowship Chapel during a public service from 1-8 p.m. on Friday, September 25, 2025 and during the family hour at 9:30 a.m. and homegoing celebration at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2025. Therefore be it,
- Resolved, The Board of Police Commissioners recognizes Eric Ford posthumously for his community activism, leadership of Detroit 300, and dedication to a safer city and better quality of life for all residents. The Board joins in mourning the loss of this remarkable leader, and offers sincere condolences to Eric Ford's family and the Detroit 300 organization.