

Resolution Honoring
Hispanic Police Officers Association of Michigan

- Whereas, The Hispanic Police Officers Association of Michigan has proudly served as a bridge between law enforcement and the community for more than three decades. Originally founded by Police Officers Manuel Pompa and Robert Ayala, it was revitalized in 1994 by Officer Javier Chapa and then Sergeant John Serda of the Detroit Police Department. The Association was built on the values of cultural pride, representation, and service; and
- Whereas, The Association's founding mission was simple but powerful: to serve with integrity, build trust, and create opportunities for the next generation of leaders. It continues that mission under the current leadership of President David Vazquez, who has strengthened the organization's role as a voice for both officers and the communities they serve. It is a mission that resonates powerfully in Detroit, a city built on the strength of immigrants and diverse cultures; and
- Whereas, Through community outreach, mentorship, and scholarship programs, the Hispanic Police Officers Association of Michigan is not only supporting officers today, but also inspiring the officers of tomorrow. Its commitment extends to fostering a sense of unity and belonging by hosting events that bring people together. Its programs also strive to make a positive and lasting impact on the lives of those served by its police officers; and
- Whereas, The Association believes that diversity in policing is not just representation; it is strength. By celebrating heritage, engaging with residents, and investing in youth, the Hispanic Police Officers Association of Michigan proudly helps build a safer, stronger, and more united Detroit; and
- Whereas, Each year, the United States of America recognizes September 15th to October 15th as National Hispanic Heritage Month. As the Hispanic Police Officers Association of Michigan and its members diligently fulfill its mission every day, the annual observance is a fitting time to honor the Association, and the diaspora of the Hispanic community as a whole, for its important history and role in the community, the Police Department and the City of Detroit. Therefore be it,
- Resolved, The Board of Police Commissioners recognizes the Hispanic Police Officers Association of Michigan and its important history and impactful role. The community, Police Department, and the City of Detroit have benefited greatly for 30 years from the Association's revitalization and commitment to professional excellence, community service, and strong police-community relations.