

## Resolution Honoring District 3 Police Commissioner Cedric Banks

**WHEREAS** Commissioner Cedric Banks has served the City of Detroit with integrity, transparency, and a steadfast commitment to strengthening the relationship between the community and the Detroit Police Department, while simultaneously uplifting residents through years of spiritual, civic, and community leadership. Police Commissioner Cedric Banks, elected in November 2021, proudly represents District 3, which includes nearly all of the 11th Precinct, portions of the 9th Precinct, and small areas within the 5th, 7th, and 12th Precincts. He continues to stand firmly for accountability, transparency, integrity, and fairness in police operations and civilian oversight, and has been a tireless champion for Detroit's youth, families, and neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS** As Chair of the Citizen Complaints Committee, Commissioner Banks led significant advancements in Board operations, including successfully transitioning to a new and improved case management system that strengthened oversight, improved efficiency, and enhanced accountability. Commissioner Banks also championed increased transparency by spearheading a major policy initiative requiring the Detroit Police Department to provide the Board with formal reports detailing disciplinary actions imposed on officers following sustained citizen complaints — a milestone in strengthening community trust. As Chair of the Towing Committee, he developed and hosted a comprehensive and highly informative public education series featuring the Detroit Police Department, the Tow Rate Commission, and the Michigan Attorney General's Office, ensuring residents were well-informed of towing processes, rights, regulations, and consumer protections. Commissioner Banks further reinforced public safety by authoring and introducing a Red Light Resolution, approved by the Board, addressing the serious danger posed by motorists running red lights and advocating for measures to protect Detroit citizens; and

**WHEREAS** Commissioner Banks is the founder and Senior Pastor of The Heart of Jesus Worldwide Deliverance Church, a ministry he has led with excellence since 2006, and through which he has empowered families, supported community development, and provided guidance and hope to countless individuals. Commissioner Banks is a prolific author and accomplished media figure, having hosted the top-rated television talk show *"The Community Shall Be Restored,"* the highly regarded radio broadcast *"The City of Hope,"* and serving as an Anchor Pastor on TCT's global program *Ask the Pastor*, reaching millions around the world with messages of faith, encouragement, and restoration; and

**WHEREAS** Commissioner Banks, a proud native Detroit and Cody High School graduate, earned his Doctorate degree in Chaplaincy from the International Police and Fire Chaplains Association Bible College and is certified in grief counseling, enabling him to serve the public with compassion and specialized support during times of crisis. For many years Commissioner Banks has been recognized as a dedicated community advocate, having organized job fairs, marriage and singles enrichment conferences, human trafficking awareness forums, senior appreciation events, and youth-focused programs, while also connecting residents to resources supporting nutrition, health, financial literacy, and economic empowerment. He is also an entrepreneur who has created employment opportunities for returning citizens and

individuals with disabilities, demonstrating his unwavering belief in second chances and inclusive economic growth. His leadership, advocacy, and service have been recognized through numerous public honors, including the Michigan Chronicle's Pastor Salute as one of the Top 50 Pastors in the region, an Appreciation Award from Black Family Development, the Detroit Praise Network's Pastor of the Month Award, and the Detroit City Council's Distinguished Service Award;

**THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners proudly honors District 3 Police Commissioner Cedric Banks for his distinguished record of service, his commitment to justice and community empowerment, and his exceptional contributions to strengthening police-community relations and civilian oversight in the City of Detroit.