

**RESOLUTION HONORING
Retiring Civilian Reginald Burks**

WHEREAS Reginald Burks began his career with the City of Detroit on November 12, 1985, as a microbiologist at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in the Water and Sewerage Department. In 1987, he transferred to the Detroit Police Department, where he began his distinguished career as a photographer within Central Photo/Graphic Arts, ultimately becoming a highly respected expert in his field; and

WHEREAS Mr. Burks photographed thousands of police cadets, departmental personnel, executive leadership, identification images, and countless community events, contributing significantly to the Department's public image and historical record. His professional excellence extended beyond the Department, benefiting numerous law enforcement agencies. In 2006, he attended advanced training at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, becoming the first member of Central Photo to achieve this distinction; and

WHEREAS Mr. Burks has photographed notable political figures, athletes, and public figures, while also documenting major civic events including championship parades, the Grand Prix, the Detroit-Windsor Tug Across the River, and the Free Press International Marathon. Among his most cherished professional experiences was documenting the historic 1990 visit of South African President Nelson Mandela, where he was granted full access to the event from arrival through public address; and

WHEREAS Mr. Burks holds a bachelor's degree from University of Michigan, is a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and has been inducted into the Detroit Negro League Softball Hall of Fame in recognition of his photographic contributions to the preservation of the sport's history. Beyond his professional accomplishments. His career reflects unwavering commitment, professionalism, and a deep dedication to both the Detroit Police Department and the people it serves.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners hereby recognizes with deep appreciation and respect Reginald Burks for his remarkable career,

outstanding service, dedication, and contributions to the Detroit Police Department and the City of Detroit.