

City of Detroit Detroit City Council

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RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE FORMATION OF A CITY DEPARTMENT TO SERVE DETROIT'S VETERAN POPULATION

WHEREAS, the heart of our nation lies in the service and dedication of those who sacrificed and defended our country in our armed services; and

WHEREAS, our veterans have enriched our community, starting businesses, teaching in our schools, lending their experience as first responders, and more; and

WHEREAS, veterans not only have unique needs, but also unique opportunities and support systems available to them from the State and Federal governments; and

WHEREAS, Detroit is proud to count many veterans among our population, people who have honorably served in our uniformed services throughout times of peace and conflict; and

WHEREAS, many veterans are unaware of the benefits and support systems available to them, or are unable or unwilling to navigate the myriad forms and documents necessary to access them; and

WHEREAS, veteran-owned businesses in the City of Detroit provide valuable products and services, yet lack dedicated support from the City of Detroit government; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Detroit City Council hereby calls upon the Mayor to create an executive-level department within the City's administration to support Detroit veterans; and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Mayor Mike Duggan, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, and all interested public media, civil society, educational and civil groups and individuals working towards this goal.