

# HONORING PROFESSOR ANITA M. DIOP

**WHEREAS,** **Professor Anita M. Diop**, a proud Detroit native, is a dedicated scholar, historian, mentor, and cultural ambassador who has devoted her life to cultural preservation and uplifting, inspiring, and reconnecting people of African descent to their heritage; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** **Professor Diop** is the Founder and Executive Director of the African Roots and Heritage Foundation (ARHF), a nonprofit organization committed to preserving African culture, fostering unity between the Diaspora and the continent, and advancing cultural education through programs such as the African Roots and Heritage Festival and the Youth Cultural and Language Preservation Program; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** **Professor Diop** has made significant contributions in academia, serving as a professor of African American and American History at Hopkinsville Community College in Kentucky; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** **Professor Diop** was appointed in 2021 to a five year term as Ambassador of the Sixth Region Department of African Academy of Languages by the African Union Acalan Department of Social Affairs. She has been internationally recognized for her work, including being honored as Mafo (Queen) of the Baleng people in Cameroon, Queen Mother (Nkosouhemaa) of the Odoibrommu in Ghana, and Nkunkuma (Woman King) of the Soa people; **AND**

**WHEREAS,** Her scholarly and artistic contributions, including her writings on African cultural icons, her award-winning short film Concrete Roses, and her photographic exhibitions such as Eyes of the African Princess, have been showcased at esteemed institutions, amplifying the voices and stories of African heritage; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED,** That on this day, Saturday, March 29, 2025, **President Pro Tempore James E. Tate** and the entire Detroit City Council recognize **Professor Anita M. Diop** for her extraordinary contributions to cultural

preservation, education, and advocacy. Her unwavering commitment to strengthening the bonds between the African Diaspora and the continent has left an indelible mark on history. May her work continue to inspire future generations, and may she be celebrated as a true leader in the Africana Renaissance.