BERNARD PARKER

WHEREAS:

Commissioner Parker has co-founded and led numerous organizations, including Operation Get Down, a residential substance-abuse treatment and transitional housing facility, and the Barack Obama Leadership Academy, and has served in key roles with various boards and committees, including the Wayne Detroit Mental Health Authority and the Michigan Community Service Commission, among others.

WHEREAS:

Bernard Parker served as a Wayne County Commissioner for 22 years, during which he was instrumental in securing funding for the creation of Chandler Water Park, a state-of-the-art juvenile detention facility, and the initiation of a youth crime prevention program that reduced juvenile incarceration by over 50%, becoming a model nationwide.

WHEREAS:

Mr. Parker was appointed by Congress to serve on the Federal Reserve Board Advisory Committee for three years, making recommendations on policies and investments affecting Detroit, and he chaired the Ways and Means Committee, securing funding for youth crime prevention, neighborhood stabilization, and the renovation of over 100 parks in Detroit.

WHEREAS:

Bernard Parker has had a significant impact on the Detroit community, serving as the president of the Detroit Fair Banking Alliance, negotiating a \$1.4 billion consumer lending program with banks, and working to increase contracts for small businesses at Detroit Metropolitan Airport by 30%.

WHEREAS:

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners, at its May 7, 2015, meeting, appointed Bernard Parker, a Detroit resident, as the Wayne County representative to the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority Board of Commissioners, where he has served in various capacities and currently holds the position of Chairman of the Board.

THEREFORE:

Be it resolved that Councilwoman Johnson, and the Detroit City Council formally recognizes and commends Bernard Parker for his outstanding contributions to the community, his leadership, and his lifelong dedication to public service, and expresses deep appreciation for his exemplary work on behalf of Wayne County and the City of Detroit

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