



## City of Detroit Detroit City Council

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### **RESOLUTION URGING INVESTIGATION OF THE WOMEN'S HURON VALLEY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**

**WHEREAS**, numerous and credible reports from inmates, legal advocates, and human rights organizations have raised serious and persistent concerns regarding conditions at the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility (WHV) in Ypsilanti, Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, these reports include allegations of pervasive unsanitary conditions, such as the presence of black mold, which poses a direct threat to the respiratory health and overall well-being of the inmates; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been long-standing allegations of inadequate and neglectful healthcare, including but not limited to, the denial of timely medical and mental health treatment, failure to properly manage chronic illnesses, and a lack of proper hygiene and sanitation protocols; and

**WHEREAS**, these reported conditions may constitute a violation of the inmates' constitutional rights, specifically the Eighth Amendment's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment; and

**WHEREAS**, a comprehensive and independent investigation is necessary to fully assess the scope of these issues, identify their root causes, and hold responsible parties accountable; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Detroit is home to a number of residents who are currently incarcerated at the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility (WHV) in Ypsilanti, Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Detroit City Council is deeply committed to upholding the health, safety, and human dignity of all its residents, including those who are incarcerated; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan State Legislature has the authority and responsibility to oversee and ensure the humane and lawful operation of state correctional facilities; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Detroit City Council hereby urges the Michigan State Legislature to launch a full and immediate investigation into the allegations of abuse, unsanitary conditions, and denial of adequate health care at the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this investigation should include public hearings, unannounced site visits, and the collection of testimony from current and former inmates, their families, and staff; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Detroit City Council calls upon the Michigan Department of Corrections to cooperate fully with any such legislative investigation and to take immediate action to address the critical health and safety concerns at the facility; and be it

**FINALLY RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the Michigan Senate, and the Director of the Michigan Department of Corrections.