

BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBER SCOTT BENSON

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL ESTATE PLANNING MONTH

WHEREAS National Estate Planning Awareness Month is observed each October to encourage individuals and families across the United States to prepare for the future by developing or updating their estate plans, including wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and healthcare directives; and

WHEREAS Proper estate planning helps safeguard families from uncertainty by ensuring that assets are distributed according to one's wishes, reducing legal conflicts, preserving wealth, supporting charitable intentions, and protecting vulnerable beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS Councilman Scott Benson, through the **Wealth Generation Task Force**, recognizes the critical role that estate planning plays in building generational wealth, reducing disparities in financial security, and strengthening communities; and

WHEREAS In response to this commitment, the City of Detroit has launched **free estate planning workshops** to empower residents by providing legal education, tools, and access to qualified professionals—ensuring that individuals from all backgrounds can plan for their futures; and

WHEREAS The City encourages all Detroiters to take advantage of these resources during National Estate Planning Month—and to consider reviewing, updating, or establishing their estate plans to protect their families and legacy; and

WHEREAS The Detroit City Council hereby proclaims **October** as **National Estate Planning Month** in the City of Detroit. The Council commends all individuals, community organizations, legal professionals, and the City's workshops for their dedication to promoting financial foresight and security; and

WHEREAS That Councilman Scott Benson and the Wealth Generation Task Force, along with the City's Housing and Revitalization Department and community partners, be affirmed in their efforts to host educational sessions, outreach, and free estate planning opportunities for Detroit residents; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Detroit City Clerk, local bar associations, legal aid societies, and relevant community nonprofits to help spread awareness and encourage participation in estate planning activities across the city.