

Testimonial Resolution

Victoria Christopher Murray

The Honorable Coleman A. Young, Councilman At-Large
Presents a Detroit City Council Testimonial Resolution to
National Award-Winning Author, Financier and Extraordinary
Representation of the African American Literary Community...
The Phenomenal Woman Victoria Christopher Murray

WHEREAS: *Victoria Christopher Murray is the New York Times and USA Today best-selling author of more than 30 novels and Victoria Christopher Murray is an accomplished author with over 3 million books in print. In addition to being a New York Times Bestseller, her book The Personal Librarian was a Good Morning America, Book Club selection and named "Best Book of the Year" by National Public Radio. The First Ladies was Target's 2023 Book of the Year, which Victoria co-wrote with Marie Benedict.; and with her newest, Harlem Rhapsody, a historical fiction novel about the extraordinary woman who ignited the Harlem Renaissance, is well on its way; and*

WHEREAS: *Victoria Christopher Murray pursued a corporate career for 10 years. She opened a Financial Services Agency for Aegon, USA and managed the #1 division for 9 consecutive years, before seeking her dream of writing. She self-published her first novel, Temptation in 2000, published by Time Warner. Temptation remained on the Essence Bestsellers' List for nine consecutive months. In 2001, she received her first NAACP Image Award nomination for Outstanding Literature for Temptation.*

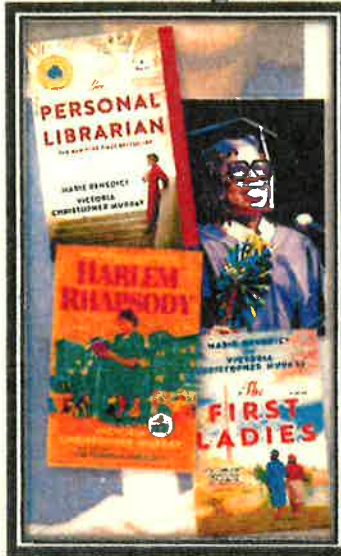
WHEREAS: *Victoria Christopher Murray continues to receive numerous awards including the Phyllis Wheatley Trailblazer Award, The Delta Sigma Theta Osceola Award for Excellence in the Arts, eleven (11) African American Literary Awards and five (5) NAACP Image Award Nominations. She won the 2016 NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literature for Stand Your Ground, her social commentary novel, which was also a Library Journal Best Book of the Year; and*

WHEREAS: *Victoria Christopher Murray, a native of Queens, New York, has attained a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Disorders from Hampton University and a Master's in Business Administration in Marketing from the Stern School of Business of New York University; and*

WHEREAS: *Victoria Christopher Murray had five of her Seven Deadly Sins novels were produced as Lifetime Movies by Bishop T. D. Jakes, Shaun Robinson and Derrick Williams. The Personal Librarian, her first book has been optioned by Al Roker Entertainment to become a mini-series; and*

*"I always knew I would become an author, even as I was taking an unlikely path to that destination."
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WHEREAS: *Victoria Christopher Murray* is one of America's top African American contemporary authors and is the 2025 Wayne County Community College District Honored Commencement Speaker and Conferee of *The Honorary Associate of Arts Degree from Wayne County Community College District Associates.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:


The Honorable Coleman A. Young II, Councilman At-Large Celebrates with the Esteemed and Honorable Members of the entire Detroit City Council the literary excellence and extraordinary success of this great author, **Victoria Christopher Murray.**



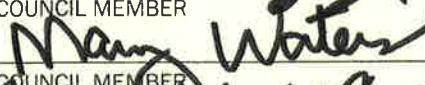
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