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TO: HONORABLE DETROIT CITY COUNCIL

FROM: David D. Whitaker,   
Director, Legislative Policy Division

DATE: October 16, 2020

RE: **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 24, 2020 AS THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF UN DAY**

The Honorable Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) draft a resolution recognizing that October 24, 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of UN Day, which recognizes the founding of the United Nations in 1945.

Attached is a draft of the resolution for your review and consideration.

**BY HONORABLE COUNCIL MEMBER RAQUEL CASTAÑEDA-LÓPEZ**

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**WHEREAS**, 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations since the Charter was signed in San Francisco on June 26, 1945 and came into force on October 24, 1945; and

**WHEREAS**, For 75 years, the United Nations, born from the rubble and devastation of World War II, has provided a forum for international cooperation and diplomacy, a beacon of light for multilateralism, international peace and security, economic and social well-being, and human rights for all; and

**WHEREAS**, The active participation of global civil society, governments and world leaders are essential components for the continued success and strength of the United Nations and the collective fulfillment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, as approved unanimously by the member states; and

**WHEREAS**, The United Nations has remained an indispensable partner for the United States to protect our national security, economic, environmental, and foreign policy interests, as well as to promote our nation's shared historic values; and

**WHEREAS**, The United Nations has declared the theme of this year's commemoration to be "2020 and Beyond: Shaping Our Future Together," and has encouraged people in all countries to join the largest global conversation about their visions for the future we want; **NOW**

**THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED** that the City of Detroit:

- 1) Recognizes the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations, as well as the needs for and benefits of international cooperation.
- 2) Affirms the importance of promoting awareness and increasing support for the principles and vital work of the United Nations, to address the most pressing global issues facing humanity.
- 3) Applauds the United Nations for its critical role in maintaining international peace and security, combating terrorism, and protecting human rights.
- 4) Commends the United Nations for its leadership and ongoing efforts to mobilize international collaboration and its member states' actions to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.
- 5) Acknowledges with appreciation the leadership and ongoing efforts of the United Nations to address global health crises, including combating COVID-19, HIV/AIDS, smallpox and polio.

6) Applauds the United Nations for its response to unprecedented humanitarian crises due to natural and human causes that have resulted in a staggering escalation of displacements and suffering.

7) Encourages residents of all ages in the City of Detroit to commemorate and celebrate the purposes, principles, programs and achievements of the United Nations.

8) Calls on the United States government to reaffirm its long-standing support for the United Nations, its principles and programs and to re-establish ties that have been severed to the World Health Organization and other agencies; **BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, Given the importance of developing a more equitable and connected world, the Detroit City Council recognizes and applauds the meaningful work of the UN and challenges other municipalities to share in the celebration of UN Day on October 24, 2020; **BE IT FINALLY**

**RESOLVED**, The City Clerk's office is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Mayor Mike Duggan and Governor Gretchen Whitmer.