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Recognize Chief of Police Michael Woods for 33 Years of Service with the Columbus Division of Police

WHEREAS, Beginning his career as a patrol officer in 1988, Chief Michael Woods quickly became a mentor to his fellow officers, serving as a field training officer before his promotion to Sergeant in January of 1996; and

WHEREAS, Following four years as a Patrol Sergeant, Chief Woods served in the narcotics bureau. He later accepted the position of Public Information Officer for the Division of Police, serving in that role for a year before being promoted to Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, As a Lieutenant, Chief Woods supervised patrol officers, served with the enforcement section of the Strategic Response Bureau and the Property Crimes Bureau. He was promoted to Commander in 2011 and was assigned to oversee patrol operations in Zone 5, later overseeing the Special Services Bureau; and

WHEREAS, In December of 2013, Chief Woods was promoted to Deputy Chief. While serving in this role, he had exposure to diverse aspects of the Division, including the Support Services Subdivision, the Homeland Security Subdivision, Administrative Subdivision, and the Patrol Operations Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Ginther appointed Chief Woods as Interim Chief of Police in January of 2021. He served in this role for six months prior to retirement; and

WHEREAS, Chief Michael Woods led the Division of Police with a dedication to the core values of professionalism, respect, integrity, discipline, and enthusiasm. He served as a member of the Police Honor Guard, the Columbus Police Pipes and Drums, and the Police Ethics Committee; and

WHEREAS, Chief Woods has always made himself available to assist Division personnel, other law enforcement professionals, his students during his time as an instructor at Franklin University, and elected officials. As a proud husband and father, his strong personal values were present in every interaction he had with the community; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby recognize Chief Michael Woods for his contributions to the Columbus Division of Police and expresses its appreciation for his dedication and service to the City of Columbus.