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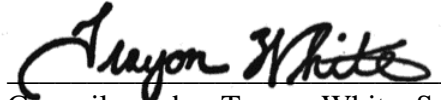
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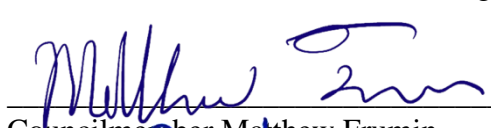
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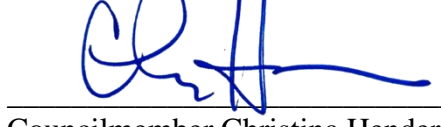
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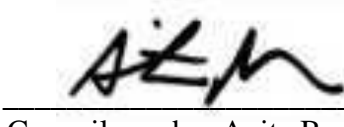

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30 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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33 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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36 To recognize, honor, and thank Robert J. Contee, III for more than thirty-three years of service
37 to the District of Columbia as a law enforcement officer for the Metropolitan Police
38 Department, including more than two years (2021-2023) as the Chief of Police.

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40 WHEREAS, Robert J. Contee, III is a native Washingtonian from the Carver Terrace
41 community on 21st Street, Northeast, and a proud graduate of Spingarn High School;

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43 WHEREAS, despite many challenges and traumas experienced in that community, Chief
44 Contee persevered with an unwavering desire to give back to his hometown through public
45 service;

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47 WHEREAS, Chief Contee joined the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) in 1989 as
48 a Police Cadet, and began his path of excellence to a long and impactful career;

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50 WHEREAS, after several successful years as a Cadet, Robert J. Contee, III became a full-
51 time sworn member of the Metropolitan Police Department in 1992;

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53 WHEREAS, following graduation from the Metropolitan Police Academy, his first patrol
54 assignment was in the Third District;

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56 WHEREAS, Chief Contee served the community of the Second District in the rank of
57 Sergeant before returning to the police academy as a training Sergeant at MPD's residential
58 facility to positively influence the next generation of police officers;

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60 WHEREAS, upon his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant, he served as the Police
61 Service Area leader in the Second District and then led the Intelligence Branch to ensure the
62 District was well-protected and MPD was prepared to respond to threats and critical incidents;

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64 WHEREAS, in January 2004, Robert J. Contee, III was promoted to the rank of Captain
65 and was responsible for leading the Violent Crimes Branch, including MPD's Homicide Branch
66 and Sexual Assault Unit;

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68 WHEREAS, later that year he was promoted to the rank of Commander and returned to
69 the Second District to oversee all patrol operations and personnel before being transferred to the
70 Special Operations Division in April 2006, where he oversaw tactical patrol, special events, and
71 District traffic safety functions;

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73 WHEREAS, Robert J. Contee, III became Commander of the Sixth District in 2007, an
74 area that includes the Northeast (east of the Anacostia River) and Southeast quadrants of the city,
75 before taking command of the Recruiting Division in October 2014;

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77 WHEREAS, he returned to patrol operations to lead the First District as their Commander
78 in January 2016 until his appointment as Assistant Chief of MPD's Professional Development
79 Bureau to oversee the Human Resources Management Division, Disciplinary Review Division
80 the Metropolitan Police Academy and Recruiting;

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82 WHEREAS, in April 2017, Contee was named Patrol Chief of Patrol Services South and
83 was responsible for the oversight of the First, Sixth, and Seventh Police Districts, before being
84 named Assistant Chief of the MPD's Investigative Services Bureau in March 2018;

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86 WHEREAS, following the retirement of Chief Peter Newsham, DC's own Robert J.
87 Contee, III was sworn in as Acting Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department on January 2,
88 2021, before his unanimous confirmation by DC Council as the 31st permanent Chief of the
89 Department on May 4, 2021;

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91 WHEREAS, Chief Contee leaves behind a legacy of leadership, building impactful
92 community-police relationships, investing in employee wellness and development and making
93 the District of Columbia safer for all residents and visitors;
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95 WHEREAS, Robert J. Contee, III, in his first week as Chief, led the Metropolitan Police
96 Department, assisting agencies and the city of Washington, DC through the historic January 6th
97 insurrection at the United States Capitol and the subsequent investigation and proceedings;
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99 WHEREAS, Robert J. Contee, III, never forgot about his opportunity to serve as a Cadet
100 and the positive impact it can have on young Washingtonians as he expanded the MPD Cadet
101 Corps to recruit and retain more residents;
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103 WHEREAS, Robert J. Contee, III, established MPD's Office of Diversity, Equity and
104 Inclusion and prioritized employee mental health and well-being;
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106 WHEREAS, Robert J. Contee, III, launched the DC Police Leadership Academy for
107 future police leaders across the world;
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109 WHEREAS, Robert J. Contee, III, strengthened critical relationships with federal law
110 enforcement agencies to prevent and combat violent crime;
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112 WHEREAS, Robert J. Contee, III, increased impactful youth engagement through the
113 creation of the Youth Advisory Board and led MPD's inaugural Youth Summit;
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115 WHEREAS, Robert J. Contee, III, elevated transparency across the agency;
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117 WHEREAS, Robert J. Contee, III, implemented Active Bystandership for Law
118 Enforcement (ABLE) training for all MPD members;
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120 WHEREAS, Chief Contee is a lifelong learner and chose to continue his academic
121 studies by attending George Washington University earning his bachelor's degree in Professional
122 Studies with a concentration in Political Science;
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124 WHEREAS, Chief Contee's professional development continued throughout his career as
125 he completed studies at the Management College at the Institute for Law Enforcement
126 Administration and the Senior Management Institute for Police of the Police Executive Research
127 Forum;
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129 WHEREAS, Chief Contee mentored police executives from across the country as part of
130 the Major Cities Chiefs Association's Leadership Institute;
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132 WHEREAS, Chief Contee's motto, "Excellence is Transferrable," is a reflection of his
133 thirty-three year career with the Metropolitan Police Department;
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135 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
136 resolution may be cited as the "Chief Robert J. Contee, III Recognition Resolution of

137 2023”.

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139 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes, honors, and thanks Chief
140 Robert J. Contee, III for his thirty-four years of service to the District of Columbia as a cadet,
141 sworn officer, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, commander, and Chief of Police for the
142 Metropolitan Police Department.

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144 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in
145 the District of Columbia Register.