

Proclamation

PROCLAMATION OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN RECOGNITION OF PROFOUND APPRECIATION OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BY BATTLE CREEK POLICE CHIEF JIM BLOCKER

WHEREAS, Chief Jim Blocker has provided outstanding leadership and guidance toward maintaining public safety in Battle Creek and surrounding communities, including playing a major role with the inception of Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) in Calhoun County;

WHEREAS, Chief Jim Blocker has always been mindful and forward thinking of the interests and needs of individuals experiencing behavioral health crises and has worked to advance CIT as a county and state-wide initiative, earning recognitions from CIT-International as Police Chief of the Year and the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Michigan's Honors as well as being appointed to the Michigan Governor's Mental Health Diversion Council;

WHEREAS, Chief Jim Blocker has also served on a number of boards within Calhoun County, including the Summit Pointe Board of Directors, the Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority, Grace Health, the Calhoun County Public Safety Information Services Alliance ("RMS Board") and the Battle Creek Area Family YMCA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners formally acknowledge and extends its profound appreciation to Chief Jim Blocker for his more than 25 years of service within the Battle Creek Police Department and for the betterment of Calhoun County as a safe and welcoming community.

Dated this 2nd day of February 2023

Kathy-Sue Vette, Chairperson
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners