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EXECUTIVE ORDER #21-003

CITY OF FLINT EXECUTIVE ORDER ON GUN VIOLENCE- ESTABLISH PARTNERSHIPS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR POSITIVE ENGAGEMENT FOR YOUTH

Sheldon A. Neeley Mayor

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2021, I issued a local Declaration of Emergency in accordance with the Michigan Emergency Management Act 390 of 1976 and Flint City Ordinance §14-5, to address gun violence. This Order declared a State of Emergency to exist in the City of Flint because of gun violence. Gun violence poses a serious threat to the health and quality of life of all residents of the City of Flint; and

WHEREAS, The City of Flint has been disproportionately affected by the direct and indirect consequences of gun violence; and homicides numbers are up 30.43% compared to this time in 2020; and to date there have been 39 homicides perpetrated and an 80% increase in non-fatal shootings in comparison to 2020; and

WHEREAS, Consistent with the Flint City Charter Declaration of Rights, "The people of Flint have mandated that the City shall provide for public peace and health and for the safety of persons and property in the City; and they require that City officers promote respect for these rights and freedoms;" and

WHEREAS, to address safety issues forthwith, to protect the public health and safety of City of Flint residents, it is necessary to establish partnerships throughout the community to create opportunities for positive engagement for youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SHELDON A. NEELEY, Mayor of the City of Flint with the authority vested in the Mayor of the City of Flint by law, I issue the following Executive Order to the City to establish partnerships throughout the community to create opportunities for positive engagement for youth.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. I issue Order 21-003 as reasonably and necessary to establish partnerships throughout the community to create opportunities for positive engagement for youth.
- 2. Skill-building and job opportunities be created for youth.
- 3. Positive, year-round programs be created for the youth.

- 4. Improvements and modifications be made to playgrounds.
- 5. Safety operators be assigned to the playgrounds.
- 6. Funding be used to implement Executive Order 21-003 in accordance with MCL 30.410(1)(c).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as soon as possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the City Clerk and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not; create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the City of Flint, its departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

Effective Date: July 33, 2021, nunc pro tunc

Sheldon A. Neeley, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Angela Wheeler, Chief Legal Officer

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