

Legislation Text

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Honoring Philadelphia Police Commissioner Danielle M. Outlaw for being a pillar of the community, and for her exemplary work throughout the City of Philadelphia, and outstanding leadership during Women's History month.

WHEREAS, Commissioner Danielle M. Outlaw was born and raised in Oakland California where she attended Holy Names High School. After high school she went on to receive her Bachelors in Sociology from the University of San Francisco. Commissioner Outlaw then went on to earn a Masters in Business Administration from Pepperdine University; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Outlaw began her career in the Oakland Police Department. She rose through the ranks to Deputy Chief after various assignments, including Patrol, Community Services, the Office of Chief of Police, the Criminal Investigation Division, Internal Affairs, and the Office of Inspector General. During her 20 years of service, she received numerous awards for her exceptional work. The Commissioner received the Executive Research Forum (PERF) Gary P. Hayes Award, the Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare Culture of Caring Award for Community Relations and Civic Engagement, and has been honored as a 2019 Marie Lamfrom Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington; and

WHEREAS, In 2017 Commissioner Outlaw became the First African American Woman to hold the position of Chief of Police of the Portland Oregon Bureau of Police. Prior to her appointment there have been only two other female Chiefs in the Portland Police Department; and

WHEREAS, On December 30, 2019, Danielle M. Outlaw was named Commissioner of the Philadelphia Department, making her the first Female African American Commissioner in the City's history. She stands at the helm of the nation's 4th largest police department which employs more than 6500 sworn officers and 800 civilians who work to help make Philadelphia a safer city. Commissioner Outlaw has the distinction of being the first African American woman to lead the Philadelphia Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Outlaw is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Human and Civil Rights Committee, the National Organization of Black Law Executives and is an Eastern Region Representative member of the Major Cities Chiefs' Association. She continues to demonstrate her civic advocacy through Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and The Links, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Outlaw risen to the challenge of this position and has earned tremendous respect as a law enforcement leader and from the rank and file of the Philadelphia community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA That we recognize and honor Commissioner Danielle M. Outlaw for Women's History Month.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of the resolution be presented to Commissioner Danielle M. Outlaw as evidence of the gratitude of this legislative body.

