

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 12, 2023

**RESOLUTION HONORING DONNA M. BRITTO, ASSISTANT CLERK OF COMMITTEES,
ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER 32 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD AND THE CITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, Donna M. Britto was born in the City of New Bedford and raised by her parents, Domingo Manuel Santos and Candida Ana (Grace) Santos, the middle child of three girls, including elder sister, Gail and younger sister, Cindy, Donna was raised in the west end of the City, attended New Bedford Public Schools and graduated from New Bedford High School in 1973 with a course study concentration in Business Management; and

WHEREAS, On June 26, 1976, Donna married the love of her life, Robert A. Britto; and together they have had three children: Niomi L. Britto, Alysha L. (Britto) Fillion and Robert A. Britto, II and two grandchildren: Jaxon T. Fillion and Avalynn R. Fillion; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating from High School, Donna went to work for Carol Cable Company in the City's South End, where she served as the Personnel and Purchasing Secretary until its closing in 1990, on October 1st of that same year, Donna began her long career of service to the City of New Bedford when she was hired as an Assistant City Council Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Having proven herself to be capable, loyal and effective in her duties, Donna was promoted to full City Council Secretary, a position in which she continued to demonstrate her intelligence, strong work ethic, capabilities and strong commitment to the Council and the City until April of 2004, at which time she was asked to accept a promotion to Assistant Clerk of Committees, a position in which she would single-handedly be responsible for all operations and responsibilities of the Clerk of Committees' Office, which, in addition to her daily work, now included attending and reporting on all City Council Committee Meetings, in this role, Donna took advantage of yet another opportunity to shine as she quickly had the Office operating at a high level of efficiency and performance; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, the City Council finally received funding in its budget to bring the Clerk of Committees' Office back to its full staffing complement, which now included a full-time Office Assistant Clerk to assist Donna with the daily administrative duties of the Office and a part-time Clerk of Committees to attend and report on City Council Committee Meetings; and

WHEREAS, Over these years, Donna has worked with, befriended, supervised and/or mentored and trained several staff members in both the City Council and Clerk of Committees' Offices, including Sharon Thomas, Rita Sylvia, Susan Henriques, Roberta Kortright, Patricia Noblet, Rae Rose, Laurie-Anne Cutler, Dennis Farias, Sandra Amaral, Denis Lawrence, Jr., Ana Silveira and Angelic Taylor – all of whom are grateful to Donna for her patience, loyalty, wisdom and kindness; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her 32-year career with the City, Donna has also had an incredibly positive effect on its legislative body – the New Bedford City Council; as her personal values and character have undoubtedly influenced dozens of City Councillors who have not only benefitted from her hard work and effectiveness, but also from her loyalty, dedication, guidance and most of all, the sincerity of her friendship; and

WHEREAS, Donna will be entering into a new and exciting phase of life, having more time and freedom to immerse herself in the things that truly matter to her: her Faith and her Family, she will undoubtedly continue to be a loving wife, supportive mother and a doting grandmother while at the same time pursuing the ministry that God has laid upon her heart as a Deaconess at In the Name of Jesus Church; and

WHEREAS, On January 7, 2023, Assistant Clerk of Committees Donna M. Britto, a kind and sensitive woman of faith, love and integrity, having so much to be proud of both personally and professionally, is retiring after an incredible 32-year career of outstanding service to the City of New Bedford; and it is with bitter-sweet feelings of both sadness and joy – but certainly with the utmost respect and admiration - that her loving family, colleagues, fellow City employees and elected officials join together to wish Donna a very long, happy and healthy retirement:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the New Bedford City Council hereby sincerely thanks and honors **DONNA M. BRITTO, ASSISTANT CLERK OF COMMITTEES, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER 32 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD AND THE CITY COUNCIL**, commends her for her exemplary career as an employee of the City of New Bedford and thanks her for the professionalism, dedication and passion with which she served the City Council and its constituents; and further, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New Bedford City Council extends its warmest and most sincere wishes to **DONNA M. BRITTO**, that she would continue to have, as she is so fond of saying, a life that is "Blessed and Highly Favored".
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