

EMERGENCY MANAGER
CITY OF BENTON HARBOR
BERRIEN COUNTY MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION NO.: 11-25

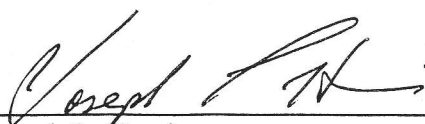
RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION'S 100th ANNIVERSARY

- WHEREAS:** In 1911 Upton Machine Company was founded by Lou and Emory Upton in St. Joseph, Michigan, to produce electric motor-driven Wringer Washers; and
- WHEREAS:** In 1929 Upton Machine Company merged with the Nineteen Hundred Washer Company of Binghamton, New York, and in 1948 launched the first Whirlpool branded automatic washing machine; and
- WHEREAS:** In 1950, the Nineteen Hundred Corporation was renamed Whirlpool Corporation; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2011, the global Whirlpool of today still operates with values instilled by the founding families; integrity, respect, diversity with inclusion, teamwork, and a spirit of winning; and
- WHEREAS:** Whirlpool Corporate values are reflected through the Whirlpool Foundation, which addresses global social concerns through grants, volunteerism and leadership; and since Whirlpool Foundation's founding in 1951, organizations and programs have benefited from more than \$128 million in grants; and
- WHEREAS:** Whirlpool's local commitment to Benton Harbor is reflected in countless investments, including the \$500 million Harbor Shores development, a social and economic development project aimed to promote Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, Michigan. The Project features a Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course, which will host the 2012 and 2014 Senior Professional Golf Association Championships; and
- WHEREAS:** Whirlpool's local commitment is further reflected in the investment of \$68 million to build a centralized headquarters, riverfront office campus, and renovation of other facilities in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by **Joseph L. Harris**, the duly appointed Emergency Manager for the City of Benton Harbor, Michigan (the "City"), pursuant to the power and authority granted by Act 4 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2011, being MCL 141.1501 et seq (the "Act"), do hereby resolve and order as follows:

- THAT:** The City of Benton Harbor salutes the Whirlpool Corporation, and acknowledges its numerous accomplishments and exemplary social consciousness exhibited around the world; and
- THAT** Our heartiest congratulations and warmest best wishes be extended to the Whirlpool Corporation on this occasion of its 100th anniversary; and
- THAT:** The City of Benton Harbor thanks the Whirlpool Corporation for 100 years of service, corporate sponsorship, and commitment to our community. Your investments will ensure that Whirlpool and the City will continue to grow together on the path to another century of success.


RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

By: 
Joseph L. Harris
Emergency Manager



CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned duly qualified and acting Emergency Manager of the City of Benton Harbor (the "City") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted on June 24, 2011


Joseph L. Harris
Emergency Manager

Dated: June 24, 2011

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