



WHEREAS: Assistant Chief DeVonn Adams has devoted thirty-five years of distinguished service to the City of Savannah and the Savannah Police Department, building a career grounded in a simple but profound conviction that safer streets grow from stronger relationships; and

WHEREAS: Beginning his career as a young officer in Savannah, Assistant Chief Adams rose steadily through the ranks through his disciplined leadership, steadfast integrity, and unwavering commitment to the people of this community; and

WHEREAS: During his final four years of service as Assistant Chief of Police for the Savannah Police Department, Assistant Chief Adams led a transformation in the Department's approach to public safety by implementing community-oriented policing models and data-driven strategies that strengthened neighborhood partnerships, restored public confidence, and helped reduce crime in the City of Savannah by thirty percent; and

WHEREAS: A proud graduate of Benedictine Military School, Savannah State College, and Columbia University, Assistant Chief Adams continuously invested in his professional growth and development completing the Southern Police Institute Administrative Officer Course at the University of Louisville, the Senior Management Institute for Police at Boston University, and an advanced Senior Investigate Course in London; and

WHEREAS: Beyond his accomplishments in law enforcement operations, Assistant Chief Adams leaves an enduring legacy through his service as Executive Director of the Police Athletic League of Savannah, where he transformed outreach into opportunity by creating pathways for young people through sports, mentorship, and positive relationships with law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS: Assistant Chief Adams has mentored countless officers and young leaders throughout his career, consistently teaching that character, compassion, and community-mindedness are every bit as important as tactical skills and professional achievement; and

WHEREAS: As a lifetime member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), Assistant Chief Adams has remained steadfastly committed to the principles of equity, professionalism, accountability and service; and

WHEREAS: Though now retired from active service, Assistant Chief Adams continues to share his wisdom and experience as a trusted advisor, mentor, and advocate for policing that earns trust, uplifts communities, and places people first.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Van R. Johnson, II, Mayor of the City of Savannah, Georgia, together with the Aldermen of the City of Savannah, do hereby recognize and honor

ASSISTANT CHIEF DEVONN ADAMS

For his extraordinary thirty-five years of service to the City of Savannah, the Savannah Police Department, and the citizens, he so faithfully served.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Savannah, Georgia to be affixed.
This 23 day of, APRIL 2026

ATTEST
Maria Mason Van R. Johnson II
Clerk of Council MAYOR