

Resolution of the City of Atlantic City

No. 92

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Council Members KURTZ, DUNSTON & SHABAZZ Present the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE REMOVAL OF NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONS COMMISSIONER MARCUS HICKS

WHEREAS, the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility is one of the prisons in the New Jersey State Correctional system that exclusively houses women; and

WHEREAS, there has been a long history of documented sexual abuse committed against women in that facility with cases documented from 2016 to the present; and

WHEREAS, in April of 2020, the United States Department of Justice issued a report which documented sexual abuse against female prisoners by male staff members. The Justice Department found that sexual abuse of women prisoners by Edna Mahan correction officers and staff is severe and prevalent throughout the prison. A "culture of acceptance" of sexual abuse has persisted for many years and continues to the present; and

WHEREAS, recently thirty one (31) officers have been suspended and three (3) officers have been criminally charged stemming from episodes of brutally beating and assaulting women while they were handcuffed. Those suspended included both women and men; and

WHEREAS, these horrific and barbaric acts occurred under the tenure of Commissioner Marcus Hicks who, despite investigations revealing abuse, has failed to curtail it; and

WHEREAS, Hicks failure to end the tirade of abuse represents a dereliction of his duty as Commissioner,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby calls for the immediate removal of Commissioner Marcus Hicks and a full investigation of the atrocities at the Edna mahan Correctional facility.

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This is a Certified True copy of the Original Resolution on file in the City Clerk's Office.

DATE OF ADOPTION: _____

/s/ Paula Geletei, City Clerk