RESOLUTION NO. ____________

A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE CONCERN OF THE LITTLE ROCK CITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH THE CONTINUED SERVICE OF KEITH HUMPHREY AS THE LITTLE ROCK POLICE CHIEF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, shortly after being selected as the Chief of Police for the Little Rock Police Department, it was determined that Keith Humphrey had judgments against him in an Oklahoma Court for failure to pay debts; and,

WHEREAS, these debts have still not been paid more than a year after the acceptance of this position as Chief of Police which subjects him to suspicion as someone who does not follow through on his financial obligations; and,

WHEREAS, since Keith Humphrey has assumed the position of Chief of Police, there has been an increase in violent crime within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas; and,

WHEREAS, the handling of protests on, or near, the Arkansas State Capitol resulted in damage to property and other problems and, among other things, led to legislative hearings as to whether the situation was handled properly; and,

WHEREAS, there has been a public and written expression by the Command Staff of most members of the Little Rock Police Department with the manner in which Chief Humphrey conducts business within the Department; and,

WHEREAS, groups such as Violent Crime Apprehension Team (VCAT) are not being utilized as they should be in order to identify particular issues within the Department and address them immediately; and,

WHEREAS, there is great disagreement within the Department and a breakdown between Officers with fellow offices and Officers and Supervisors; and,

WHEREAS, even with the creation of a Citizens Review Board, and the operation of an Independent Review Committee appointed by the Mayor, these problems continue to exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. The Board expresses its lack of confidence in the leadership of Police Chief Keith Humphrey and strongly urges the Mayor to consider this view and take appropriate action with Chief Humphrey.

Section 2. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or
adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the resolution.

Section 3. Repealer. All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

ADOPTED: December 15, 2020

ATTEST:  

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Susan Langley, City Clerk

APPROVED:  

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Frank Scott, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney