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March 24, 2016

The Honorable Ruth Johnson  
Secretary of State  
Office of the Great Seal  
Michigan Department of State  
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Secretary Johnson:

Please be advised of the following appointment to office:

**City of Benton Harbor Receivership Transition Advisory Board**

Kathryn Debien of \_\_\_\_\_, Michigan \_\_\_\_\_, county of \_\_\_\_\_, representing the State Treasurer, succeeding Larry Steckelberg, is appointed for a term expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

In addition to the duties assigned to a Receivership Transition Advisory Board by Section 23(5) of Public Act 436 of 2012, the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act, the Benton Harbor Receivership Transition Advisory Board shall perform the following duties:

1. Fulfill the Board responsibilities outlined in Emergency Manager Order No. 14-31.
2. Recommend amendments, modifications, repeal, or termination of Emergency Manager Order No. 14-31, or any other Benton Harbor Emergency Manager Orders, to the Treasurer of the State of Michigan. Recommended amendments, modifications, repeal, or termination of Emergency Manager Orders must be approved by the Treasurer before any such modification becomes effective.
3. Conduct a formal, annual evaluation of the City's operational and financial progress by identifying strengths, weaknesses, benchmarks achieved, and benchmarks not yet achieved, including a list of specific recommendations, potential resources available to assist City officials, residents, and other

4. stakeholders concerning how the City can promote and ensure its long-term stability.

Finally, pursuant to Section 22(4) of the Act, I impose upon the City the following conditions which must be satisfied before it is removed from receivership, unless subsequently waived by me:

1. The implementation of financial best practices as adopted by the financial officials' association.
2. After study by the Mayor and City Council and in consultation with the Receivership Transition Advisory Board, the City shall enact changes in the current charter through charter amendments or charter revisions that are consistent with applicable model charters and model charter amendments and in the City's best financial interests.
3. The completion by City officials of financial and managerial training to ensure that official responsibilities are properly discharged.

Sincerely,



Rick Snyder  
Governor