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MAYOR ARCHER APPOINTS PORT DIRECTOR
TO DETROIT 300 COMMISSION

Detroit, December 13, 2000- Mayor Dennis Archer has appointed John Jamian, executive director of the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority, to the Detroit 300 Commission as Chairman of the "Sail Detroit" Planning Committee. In his new capacity, Mr. Jamian will be working directly with Detroit 300 Commission Chairman, Edsel Ford II and its staff.

Detroit 300 is a non-profit organization created to shape Detroit's yearlong tricentennial celebration in 2001. The organization is responsible for implementing community programs, special events and permanent legacies. It is led by a 41-member commission appointed by Mayor Dennis Archer and chaired by Edsel Ford II.

"His leadership of Sail Detroit has been instrumental in laying a successful groundwork for Sail Detroit and the Parade of Historic Ships event that will be one of the high points of the entire tricentennial celebration year. It would be an honor to add his name to the list of 40 distinguished Detroit 300 Commissioners who serve as board members for the non-profit organization, Detroit 300, Inc.," said Mayor Archer.

John Jamian became the executive director of the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority in 1998. Previously, he served as a Michigan legislator who was quite involved in Great Lakes transportation issues. He was recently elected Chairman of the American Great Lakes Port Association which represents all of the U.S. Great Lakes ports.

The tricentennial celebration will feature Sail Detroit (Wednesday, July 18 - Sunday, July 22) a maritime event which will celebrate Detroit's Great Lakes maritime heritage. Designated an official race port of the American Sail Training Association's Great Lakes Challenge 2001. "Sail Detroit will attract approximately 20 tall ships to Detroit, and over a half million people on our riverfront during this magnificent Parade of Ships celebration," said Jamian.