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With the Oregon Historical Society's new exhibit 'Racing for Change, Oregon's Civil Rights Years' as a backdrop, Portland Police Chief Danielle Outlaw (right) takes the oath of office Monday from retired Portland Police Officer Carmen Sylvester, the first African American female officer to be hired by the city in 1973.

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## With Honor and Integrity

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placement still lurks in the undercurrent of a very progressive city," she said. "If we are to be effective, we must first seek to listen and understand the perspective of those who differ from ourselves."

Outlaw emphasized the integral role law enforcement must play in the preservation of civil rights for the future, promising even more transparency, and the use of de-escalation techniques as a priority in police training.

"I will carry out my duties to the best of my ability each and every

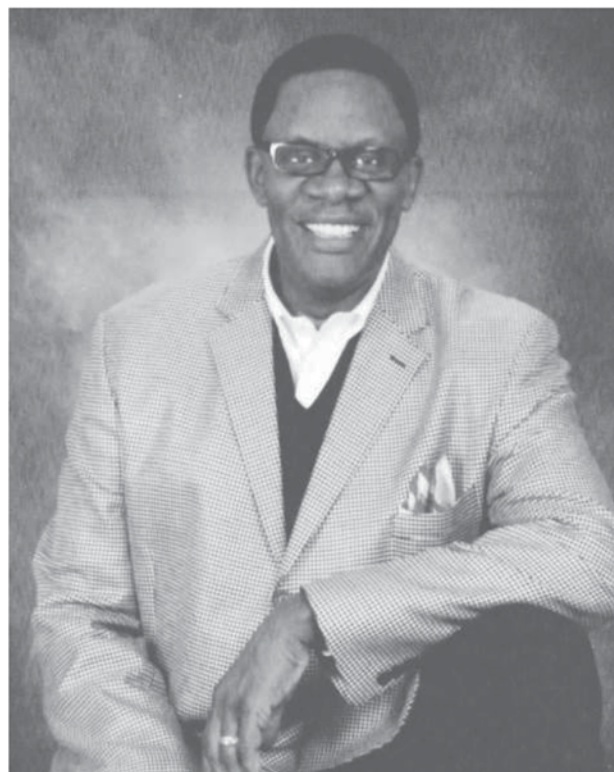
day and it will be done with grace, with mercy, with kindness, compassion, with courage, with honor and integrity," she said.

The swearing-in ceremony also included educators, entrepreneurs, business owners, public sector representatives, community organizers, advocates, legislators, union representatives and the media.

A former assistant police chief from Oakland, Calif., Outlaw was introduced by Mayor Ted Wheeler during the ceremony. The mayor emphasized that the new chief "was picked not because she was a woman, not because she is black,

but because she was the best candidate for the job."

Wheeler said he plans to partner with Outlaw to create an accountable and transparent police bureau, aligned with community policing principles from former President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. "I trust that she will become... somebody who will work with us as a community to improve police and foster meaningful and trusting relationships between the police bureau and the community that the bureau serves. Her success is our success," Wheeler said.



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