

**RESOLUTION HONORING
RETIRED SERGEANT WALTER ROBERT CLEMENT
POSTHUMOUSLY**

WHEREAS, Walter R. Clement was a graduate of Mumford High School. He was a true athlete from the neighborhood who ran track and swam. After attending Ferris State University on a track scholarship, Walter returned to Detroit with a commitment to public service. He was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on October 24, 1977. Upon graduating from the Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Clement began his career at the Second Precinct; and

WHEREAS, Officer Clement dutifully served the Second Precinct, Third Precinct, Fourteenth Precinct, Special Response Team, Detroit Metropolitan Academy, Thirteenth Precinct, First Precinct, and Sex Crimes Unit. After displaying tremendous knowledge and leadership skills, Officer Clement was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on March 20, 1998. His assignments included the Eleventh Precinct, Eighth Precinct, and Management Services Bureau. Sergeant Clement served the Detroit Police Department for 35 years, before moving to New Mexico. On Monday, September 19, 2022, Retired Sergeant Walter Robert Clement passed away from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, or ALS; and

WHEREAS, During his law enforcement career, Retired Sergeant Clement was the deserving recipient of many recognitions, including Department Citation, Wound Award, two Perfect Attendance Awards, four Chief's Merits Awards, All Star Baseball Award, Super Bowl XL Award, Rosa Parks Funeral Award, and numerous letters of commendation from citizens and superiors; and

WHEREAS, His legacy of public service endures. He was a strong opponent of marijuana in the beginning. Towards the end of his life, he radically changed his view and supported decriminalization of marijuana and expungements of existing convictions for "the crime of cannabis" as fundamental to justice.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution posthumously in recognition of Retired Sergeant Walter Clement for his dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the City of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards.

We salute you Retired Sergeant Walter Robert Clement for a job well done.