

**RESOLUTION HONORING
POLICE OFFICER RICARDO JOSEPH SANCHEZ**

WHEREAS Ricardo Joseph Sanchez was born on August 23, 1981 and showed intelligence, kindness, loyalty, integrity, and honor as he grew into adulthood. He made a commitment early to serve the community and decided upon a career in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS He was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on October 26, 2019. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Sanchez began his career at the Eleventh Precinct.

WHEREAS Officer Sanchez became known as a dedicated police officer who enjoyed patrol. On April 20, 2021, he and his partner responded with other emergency units to a 911 call for assistance on Hanna Street where a man was suffering a mental crisis and attempting suicide with a knife. As soon as Officer Sanchez reached the scene, he tried to stop the already wounded and bleeding man from continuing to injure himself. The man fought against losing his knife. During the struggle for control, Officer Sanchez was cut and stabbed several times, including on his left thigh and his right hand; and

WHEREAS Officer Sanchez's partner tried to assist him; unfortunately, the shot struck Officer Sanchez in his right hand. While the man in suicidal crisis succumbed to his wounds, Officer Sanchez survived the encounter. His injuries made his road to recovery very strenuous, but he never gave up or lost sight of his goal to return to the Police Department and neighborhood patrol and;

WHEREAS Officer Ricardo Sanchez represents the very best of the Detroit Police Department and law enforcement professionals. After the loss of mobility to his right hand, he taught himself to shoot with his left hand so that he could continue to be a patrol officer. His amazing resilience and determination to protect and serve the public is why he was honored with the Chief's Merit Award.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit, awards this resolution to Police Officer Ricardo Joseph Sanchez in recognition of his commitment to the Detroit Police Department and his dedicated and diligent public service to the City of Detroit and its residents.