

Resolution Honoring Corporal Rhonda Morris Posthumously

Whereas, Rhonda Morris believed that success came from “standing together, shoulder to shoulder, ready for whatever comes next.” With such faith and purpose, it is not surprising that she chose a career devoted to public service. She became a student police officer on June 24, 1996 after her acceptance to the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy. On November 27, 1996, Officer Morris was appointed to the Detroit Police Department and assigned to patrol operations in the Sixth Precinct; and

Whereas, Officer Morris proudly served the Sixth Precinct for 20 years and built a special and deep relationship standing together with the community. Although her official assignments included the Northwestern District from September 14, 2005 to September 21, 2009, she patrolled the same neighborhoods and continued working with the thousands who knew her as effective, courteous, and professional in every encounter; and

Whereas, When the Department dissolved districts, her official assignment again became the Sixth Precinct, and she served there for seven more years before being assigned on October 3, 2016 to Firearms Training. Officer Morris continued to excel in her duties and earned promotion to Corporal on March 14, 2019. Corporal Morris continued her assignment in Firearms Training until she died active on August 18, 2025; and

Whereas, Corporal Morris was the deserving recipient of numerous honors and letters of commendation from supervisors and area residents. Her awards included the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, the NFL Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, the Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the 2014 Ford Fireworks Award, and both Consent Judgment Awards; and

Whereas, Corporal Morris tirelessly served the City of Detroit, the Police Department, and residents for 29 years with loyalty, professionalism, integrity and dedication. She was widely respected throughout law enforcement and the Detroit community as a consummate professional. The Board of Police Commissioners joins with all Detroiters in offering condolences to the family and friends of Corporal Morris. Her selfless public service will be remembered at services on Thursday, August 28, 2025 and long after by an eternally grateful City.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, The Board of Police Commissioners awards this resolution posthumously in honor of Corporal Rhonda Morris for her dedicated and distinguished 29 years of service to the people of Detroit and the Police Department. Detroit always will remember and cherish Corporal Morris’ legacy of steadfast courage and unwavering public service in law enforcement and public safety.