

A RESOLUTION TO HONOR CLARA WHITE FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND
SUPPORT TO THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING 1-B

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 19, 2008

WHEREAS, Clara White served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Area Agency on Aging 1-B (AAA 1-B) for 17 years, from 1991 until her resignation in 2008, during which time she has served as a staunch advocate for older adults, particularly those who were poor and disenfranchised; and

WHEREAS, Clara served as a member of the Boards of Directors of many nonprofit partners of the AAA 1-B, including United Way of Oakland County, Oakland County Catholic Social Services, and the Foster Grandparent Program Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Clara served for many decades as a member and two terms as chairperson of the Pontiac Urban League, a local affiliate of the National Urban League, the nation's oldest and largest community-based movement devoted to empowering African Americans to enter the economic and social mainstream, beginning in 1955 until its dissolution in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Clara was honored by the National Urban League in 2007 for her 50 years of volunteer work; and

WHEREAS, Clara is a lifetime member and driving force behind the Golden Opportunity Senior Citizens Club, which is the life and soul of the Bowen Senior Center in Pontiac; and

WHEREAS, Clara worked at the Oakland County Children's Village for 20 years until her retirement in 1986 as Head Supervisor, where she devoted her life to serving others; and

WHEREAS, Clara brought the ethics and values of the social work profession to her role as an AAA 1-B Board member, and these principles have been reflected in her compassionate consideration of policies and practices that affect the lives of older adults in Region 1-B;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners recognizes and honors Clara White for her 17 years of dedication, support, guidance, and leadership to the organization, on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of Region 1-B older adults that it has served.

Jeff Irwin, Chair
Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners

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