

## Proclamation No. 23-0180 A Proclamation Honoring Retired Lieutenant Leslie 'Les' Conrad Perry

**WHEREAS,** the Denver Police Museum, the Denver Police Department, the Denver Black Officers Association, and the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library have all partnered to celebrate Black History Month, February 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** the above organizations have decided to honor an outstanding Black Denver Police officer who chose to serve the citizens of the City and County of Denver; and

WHEREAS, Leslie 'Les' Perry began his long career with the Denver Police Department in 1987 and worked in a wide variety of assignments including being a neighborhood police officer, a Gang Task Force officer, detective supervisor, internal affairs investigator, pattern crimes command officer, leading hostage negotiation teams, managing the Bomb Squad, and teaching law-related education at Montbello High School; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his career, Lt. Perry was recognized by citizens, supervisors, and community leaders for his dedication to communities and his outstanding performance and received more than 100 awards and certificates; and

**WHEREAS**, Commander Perry was appointed by Denver Police Chief Robert White as the first Black male commander serving in District 5, where he served from 2013 – 2017 before retiring in 2019 after 32 years of service.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

**Section 1.** That the Council of the City and County of Denver hereby recognizes and honors Lt. Les Perry for his service to the citizens of Denver.

**Section 2.** That the Secretary of Council shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Lt. Les Perry and the Denver Police Museum.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL [Date]

PRESIDENT