

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 23-0171R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: President Mosby
Introduced and adopted: May 15, 2023

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

1 **Recognizing the Service of Executive Assistant Chief Roman Clark, Sr.**

2 FOR the purpose of recognizing Executive Assistant Chief Roman Clark, Sr. for his 46 years of
3 dedication and service to the Baltimore City Fire Department and the citizens of Baltimore.

4 **Recitals**

5 Executive Assistant Chief Roman Clark, Sr. entered service with the Baltimore City Fire
6 Department 46 years ago in 1977. As Department spokesperson, Chief Clark has proved himself
7 essential in keeping City officials, community organizations, and residents informed about the
8 Department’s heroic work to keep Baltimore safe.

9 Chief Clark was a trailblazer when he chose to be a firefighter in 1977. The Department had
10 only graduated its first class of Black candidates from the Baltimore City Fire Academy 23 years
11 earlier in 1953. Four years prior to the start of Chief Clark’s career, in 1973, a federal court
12 judge found that there was a pattern of racial discrimination within the Department.

13 In 1977 Chief Clark was the only Black firefighter in his first Company, Truck Company 8.
14 After 3 years of service and training at Truck Company 8, Chief Clark served with Truck 10 for
15 15 years.

16 Following an injury in the line of duty, Chief Clark became the first Black aide to Chief
17 Herman Williams, the first Black Chief of the Baltimore Fire Department. Chief Clark has since
18 served under 5 separate Fire Chiefs, ultimately becoming the spokesman for the Department.

19 A life-long Baltimorean, Chief Clark has led a long, brave, and distinguished career in the
20 Department and has served as a mentor to generations of young firefighters.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
22 Council recognizes Executive Assistant Chief Roman Clark, Sr. for his distinguished service to
23 the City of Baltimore and expresses its gratitude for his dedication to the Baltimore City Fire
24 Department.

25 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Chief Clark, the
26 Mayor, and the Mayor’s Legislative Liaison to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter deleted by amendment.