WHEREAS, the Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees adopts this Resolution to HONOR WILLIAM (BILL) HAMPTON for his years of service as the general counsel from 1982 – 2018, serving under three Township Supervisors: Fred Korzon, Dave Payne, and Leo Savoie; and

WHEREAS, Bill practiced law for over five decades and earned a reputation as the Dean of Municipal Law. He developed Secrest Wardle’s Municipal Law Practice Group and is a former President of Secrest Wardle, from where he retired in January 2017. In 2017 and 2018, Bill was appointed in-house general counsel for the Charter Township of Bloomfield; and

WHEREAS, his esteemed career included six years as an Oakland County Circuit Court Judge, Commissioner of the State Bar of Michigan, Chairperson of the State Officers Compensation Commission (1994-1998), Co-Chairman of the State Bar Committee on Judicial Qualifications (1990-1996), Chair of the Michigan Attorney Discipline Board by appointment from the Michigan Supreme Court, and election to the Michigan House of Representatives at the age of 26. During his tenure in the Michigan House, Bill became the majority and minority leader; and

WHEREAS, numerous professional organizations and his peers recognized Bill as an outstanding attorney, such as the dBusiness magazine list of Michigan Super Lawyers (2006 – 2016), one of thirty Michigan attorneys honored as a Leader in the Law, Oakland County Bar Association’s Distinguished Career Achievement Award, Respect for Law Award, and the Michigan Municipal Attorneys Distinguished Municipal Attorney Award; and

WHEREAS, we reluctantly accept Bill’s wish to retire as Township Attorney, but do so with the utmost respect for his legal prowess in making the Charter Township of Bloomfield a well-respected role model for ordinances, elected and appointed boards, and innovative legal counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Trustees, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, and the current and former employees of Bloomfield Township HONOR WILLIAM (BILL) HAMPTON for his 36 years of outstanding legal prowess.

BE IT KNOWN to all reading this Resolution that it was adopted by the Township Board of Trustees on December 10, 2018, and included in the minutes as a permanent record.

Janet M. Roncelli
Bloomfield Township Clerk