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Ficano, Worthy, Evans, Sturdivant, Bully-Cummings and Murphy Announce the Second Annual Change the Culture Walk-A-Thon to be Held Saturday, April 23, 2005

Now – more than ever – in light of the recent violence that is plaguing our city and killing our youth, it is critical that we all join together. A press conference announcing the March was held on April 19, 2005; on that same day there were 13 non-fatal shootings in Detroit. Wayne County Prosecutor Worthy has asked, “How much more does it take for everyone to realize we are in a severe crisis?”

Ms. Worthy is announcing the second annual *Change the Culture* walk-a-thon along with her partners from the Office of the Wayne County Executive, **Robert Ficano**, the Office of the US Attorney - Eastern District of Michigan, **Stephen Murphy**, Wayne County Sheriff's Office, **Sheriff Warren Evans**, Detroit Police Department, **Chief Ella Bully-Cummings**, Michigan State Police Department, **Col. Tadarial Sturdivant**, Detroit Public Schools, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Community Programs, **Andrea Williams** and **Greg Roberts**, on behalf of Governor **Jennifer Granholm** designed to confront the violence that has plagued the City of Detroit. This event was planned in April of 2004 and is an annual event.

Ms. Worthy is inviting the youth of Wayne County to join her on Saturday, April 23, 2005, to walk from the University of Detroit/Mercy Callahan Hall, located at 4100 W. McNichols in Detroit to Joe Dumars Field House at the Michigan State Fair Grounds. The walk will begin at 10:00 a.m. and culminate in a Youth Forum at the Field House. Fanchon Stinger and Charles Pugh of Fox 2 News will appear at the forum that will include presentations from the U.S. Attorney's Office, Michigan State Police, and the Pioneers for Peace.

Help us spread the word. Invite your families and youth to walk with us to change the culture of violence in our communities. Let us join together – we can stop the violence and restore peace to our neighborhoods.