

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-132

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF DELORES MAXINE JOHNSON

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WHEREAS, After graduating from East High School in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1961, Delores's journey led her to Kalamazoo, where she met her beloved husband of over 60 years, Joel Johnson, and where they began their legacy with the arrival of their cherished children, Dana and Damon. Eventually settling back in Ohio, in Oakwood Village, on Milbury Court, fondly dubbed as the "Circle," Delores radiated kindness, generosity, and strength, making a lasting impression on all she encountered. Joel and Delores have been residence of Oakwood Village for over 51 years; and

WHEREAS, With a successful career in electronic manufacturing in Cleveland making electronic circuit boards for many household electronics, Delores balanced work and family and eventually retired comfortably and was known by her coworkers for her hard work, determination, and unwavering commitment to making a difference in the lives of others around her; and

WHEREAS, Demonstrating her unwavering commitment to making a difference in the lives of others, Delores and Joel devoted themselves for over 10 years as foster parents, often taking in multiple children at a time for multiple years; and

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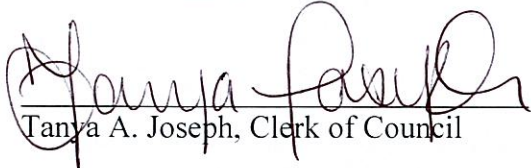
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SECTION 1. The Village Council and Mayor wish to express their most sincere condolences to the family of Delores Maxine Johnson and hope that the fond memories of such a wonderful, caring person comfort them in their loss.

SECTION 2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to the family of Delores Maxine Johnson.

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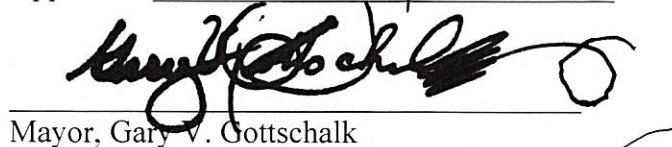
PASSED: 11.26.24


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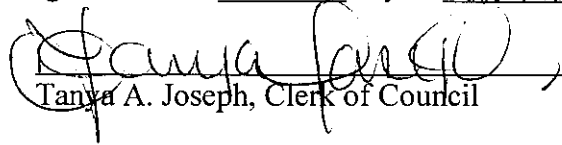

Erica Nikolic, President of Council

Presented to the Mayor 12.4.24

Approved: 12.4.24

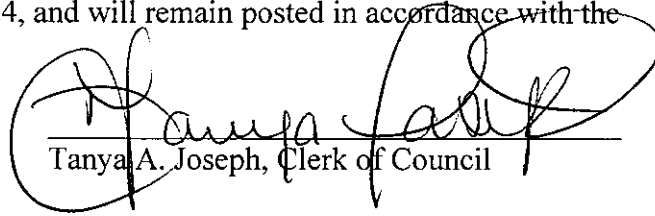

Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

I, Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2024-132 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 20th day of NOVEMBER, 2024.


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POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2024-132 was duly posted on the 4th day of December, 2024, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter


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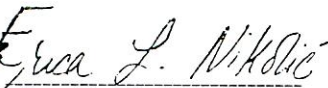
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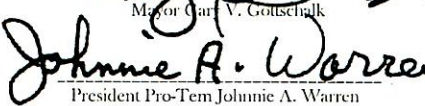
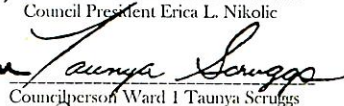
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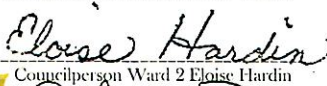
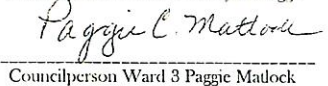
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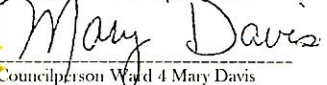
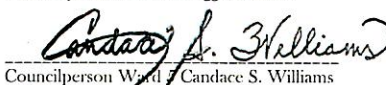
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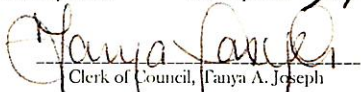
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