

RESOLUTION 2019-46

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS TO SARI FELDMAN
ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

WHEREAS, Sari Feldman, Executive Director of the Cuyahoga County Public Library system (CCPL), is retiring August 2, 2019 after a successful career; and

WHEREAS, she was quoted in 2017 “Collections are important, but it is more about what we do for and with people in our community. If we do not recognize the role we play in education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment and engagement, we are destined to be like video stores and Radio Shack”. With this drive, Ms. Feldman has been instrumental in connecting the library system to the communities it serves, including the Oakwood Village Janice Kenney Summer Camp, inspiring young minds in reading through the use of Tumble Books and Google; and

WHEREAS, she was named the Executive Director for the CCPL in 2003 where she funded improvements overseeing a \$100 million capital improvement program, launching the library system into the future; and

WHEREAS, originally from New York, Ms. Feldman earned her Master of Library Sciences degree from the University of Wisconsin. In 2015-2016 she served as the president of the American Library Association, the largest in the world. She served as the chair of the Cuyahoga County Arts & Culture Board and is vice-chair of Digital C, a nonprofit which looks to advance equitable access to technology in the community; and

WHEREAS, CCPL is one of the busiest public library systems in the country, with 15.3 million items borrowed in 2017 alone, according to the library’s annual report. Under her leadership, CCPL received an award from Google’s Impact Challenge Cleveland, which allowed the library to launch an internet hotspot program for high school equivalency classes. Also, the WiFi hotspot lending program allows cardholders to access the internet any time and access the library’s extensive lending library. In 2018, the Institute for Museum and Library Services, named CCPL one of the 29 finalists for its National Metal, spotlighting the library’s social media platforms, giving the public the opportunity to share their stories. Also, in 2018, CCPL collaborated with the Centers for Families and Children, opening the first early learning center in Ohio located in the Maple Heights Branch, providing high-quality early learning programs and support services preparing children for success; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Feldman’s leadership, for the ninth consecutive year (2009-2017) CCPL earned a five-star rating in Library Journal’s Index of Public Library Service (LJ Index), a national rating system designed to recognize and promote America’s best public libraries. Its latest five-star rating marks the eighth consecutive year, the Library has earned Library Journal’s highest overall score among libraries in its expenditure range; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Oakwood has been fortunate to have such a visionary lead the CCPL and partner with the Janice Kenney Summer Camp utilizing Google; to enrich learning and engage young minds in the program; and

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT by the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Village Council and Mayor wish to express their most sincere congratulations to Sari Feldman on her retirement and wish her the best of everything in this next season of life.

SECTION 2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to the family of Sari Feldman.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approved by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: July 30, 2019

[Signature]
Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

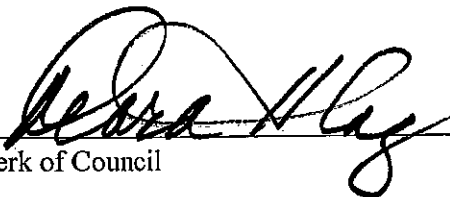
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Johnnie A. Warren, President of Council

Presented to the Mayor July 31, 2019

Approved: July 31, 2019

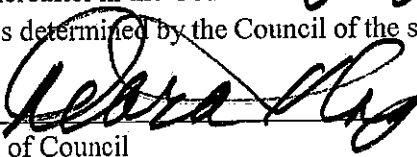
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Mayor – Gary V Gottschalk

I, Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2019-46 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 30 day of July 2019.


Clerk of Council

POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Resolution 2019-46 was duly posted on the 31 day of July 2019 and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter in the Council Chambers and in not less than (5) of the most public places in the municipality as determined by the Council of the said Village.


Clerk of Council

DATED: July 31 2019