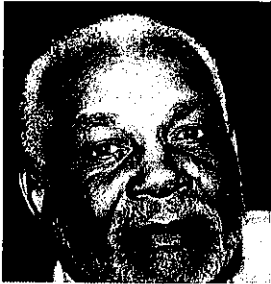


Introduced by	Rogers
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Seconded by	Rogers
1st Reading	7.19.2020
2nd Reading	/
Third Reading	/
Under suspension	/

**RESOLUTION 2020-60**

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF  
CLAYTON A. CUNNINGHAM SR.**



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

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**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 14, 2020

Debra L. Hladky  
Debra L. Hladky, Clerk of Council

Johnnie A. Warren  
Johnnie A. Warren, President of Council

Presented to the Mayor July 15, 2020

Approved: July 15, 2020

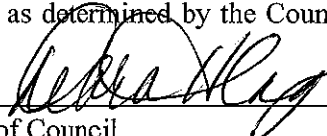
Gary V. Gottschalk  
Mayor - Gary V. Gottschalk

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. 2020-60 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 14 day of July 2020.

Debra L. Hladky  
Clerk of Council

POSTING CERTIFICATE

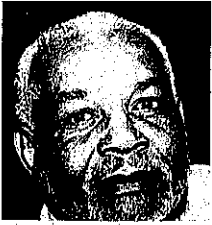
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Clerk of Council

DATED: July 16, 2020

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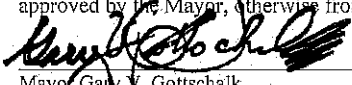
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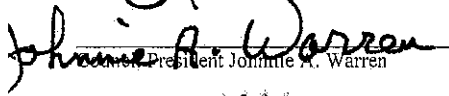
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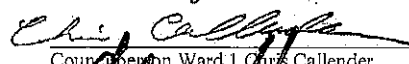
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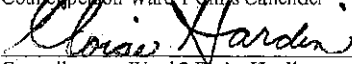
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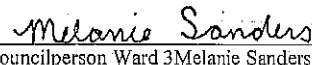
  
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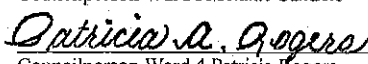
  
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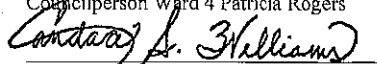
  
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