

## RESOLUTION 2022-21

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY OF  
WANDA COLLINS-SMITH**

**WHEREAS** “When we lose someone we love, we must learn not to live without them but to live with the love they left behind.” Wanda Collins-Smith gained her angelic wings on March 8, 2022; and

**WHEREAS** Wanda was born on August 16, 1943, in Mounds, Illinois and was the “near baby” of 9 siblings; and

**WHEREAS** her family would head to Cleveland, Ohio in the early 1960s where she would attend school; and

**WHEREAS** Wanda would meet the love of her life at the racetrack in Cleveland. Melvin Smith approached her to offer her the losing tickets. When asking why she would want the losing tickets, she looked up and found him to be cute. As with all men, the way to their heart is through their stomach. She made chili for him, and he was instantly hooked for the next 40+ years; and,

**WHEREAS** in mid-1990, the couple would move into a newly built home on Buckthorn Road in Oakwood Village where they joyously raised their children; Donald (deceased), Sabrina, Reggie and Ronnie; and

**WHEREAS** Wanda worked hard for many years to raise her family. She would retire from All-State after 25 years of service; and

**WHEREAS** one of her passions was traveling. She took to the air and traveled the world. But no place on Earth compared to her momma’s home back in Mounds, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS** to know Wanda was to love her and her cooking. She always made extra for anyone who wanted to come and devour her savory meals. And while eating, she always had her ballgames on as she was an enthusiastic fan of the Cleveland Browns and her beloved Cleveland Indians.

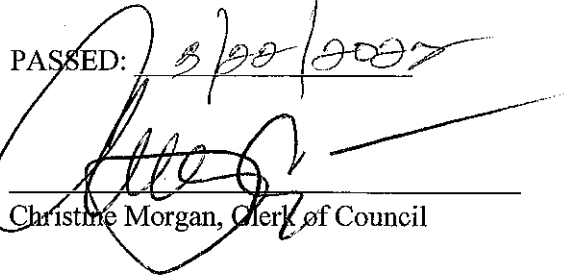
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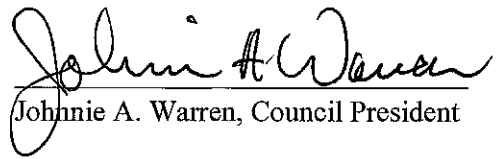
**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT** by the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, that:

**SECTION 1.** The Village Council and Mayor wish to express their most sincere condolences to the family of Wanda Collins-Smith and hope the fond memories of such a fine, caring person comforts them in their loss.

**SECTION 2.** The Clerk is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to the family of Wanda Collins-Smith.

**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: 3/20/2022  
  
Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council

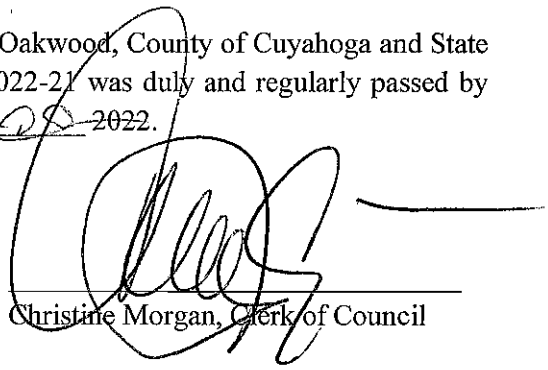
  
Johnnie A. Warren, Council President

Presented to the  
Mayor:  
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Approved:  
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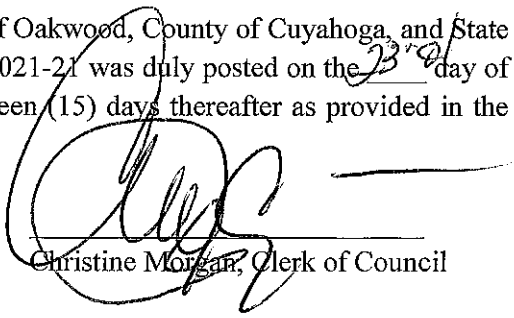
  
Mayor, Gary J. Gottschalk

I, Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2022-21 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 20th day of March 2022.

  
Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council

**POSTING CERTIFICATE**

I, Christine Morgan, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2021-21 was duly posted on the 23rd day of March, 2022, and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter as provided in the Village Charter.

  
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DATED: 3/23/2022

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Councilperson Ward 5 Candace Williams