

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1

INTRODUCED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY  
OF WILLIE THOMAS**

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**WHEREAS**, as a longtime resident, Willie Thomas was well known, he was a great friend and neighbor to everyone he met and will be greatly missed by his lovely wife, children, family, and friends.

**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 Willie Thomas and hope the fond memories of such a fine, caring person comfort them in their loss.

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PASSED: January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Tanya A. Joseph  
Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

Erica L. Nikolic  
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Presented to the Mayor January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Approved: January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Gary V. Gottschalk  
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. 2024-1 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

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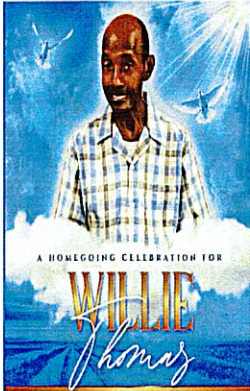
### POSTING CERTIFICATE

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. 2024-1 was duly posted on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter

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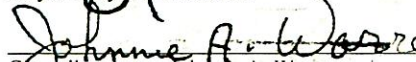
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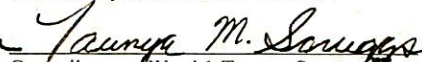
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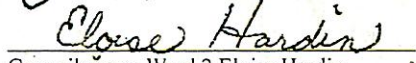
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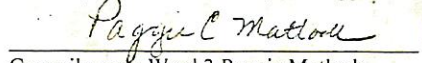
  
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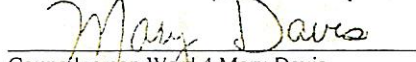
  
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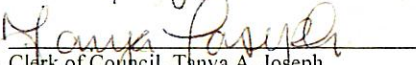
  
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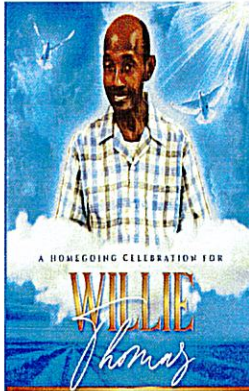
  
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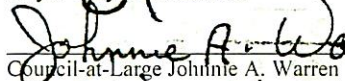
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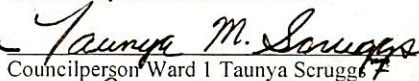
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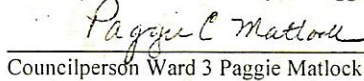
  
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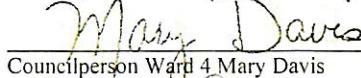
  
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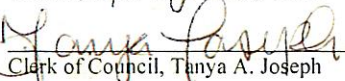
  
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