

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-22

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF
BETTY JEAN WATKINS**

WHEREAS, Betty Jean Watkins, a longtime resident of Oakwood Village, passed away Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Betty was born June 17th, 1936, to the late Jefferson C. Walker and Florence Walker (Nee Jones), in Cleveland, OH. She was the oldest of four children; and

WHEREAS, Betty received her education in the Cleveland Public School System. After graduating, she worked as a teacher's aide at A.J. Rickoff for three years. From there, she worked at Lane Bryant where she would retire after 30 plus years; and

WHEREAS, Betty married Robert Lee Watkins Sr., on June 30th, 1956, and from that union were two children: Crystal and Robert Jr.

WHEREAS, Betty loved to talk, shop, tend to her plants, and was a die-hard Cleveland Cavaliers fan; and

WHEREAS, Betty was devoted to the Lord and her family. Loved by all, she was adored by her children's friends as well as her grandchildren's friends. Betty was very inquisitive, full of personality, wisdom, and kindness; and

WHEREAS, Preceding Betty in death were her mother and father, Florence Walker, and Jefferson C. Walker; brother Jefferson C. Walker Jr.; sister Beverly J. Rookard; brother Frederick Walker; husband Robert Lee Watkins Sr., and grandson-in-law Devante Richmond

WHEREAS, Betty leaves to cherish her memory, her two children; Crystal Watkins of San Diego, California, and Robert Lee Watkins Jr. (Roni) of Virginia Beach, Virginia, three granddaughters; Quiana Wilder of Cleveland, Ohio, Mianna Richmond of San Diego, California, and Bryanna Watkins of Dallas, Texas; three great grandchildren, Desire Richmond and Allure Richmond of San Diego, California, and Christopher Fitzgerald III of Dallas, Texas; one sister-in-law Maudest Watkins of Cleveland, Ohio, and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends; and

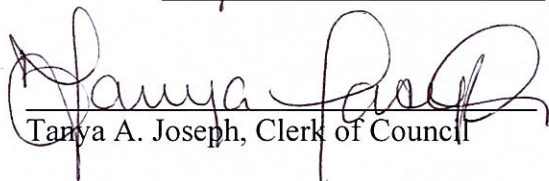
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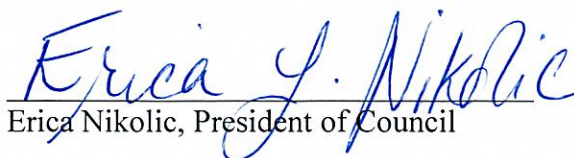
SECTION 1. The Village Council and Mayor wish to express their most sincere condolences to the family of Betty Jean Watkins and hope that the fond memories of such a wonderful, caring person comfort them in their loss.

SECTION 2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to the family of Betty Jean Watkins.

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: 4.8.2025


Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

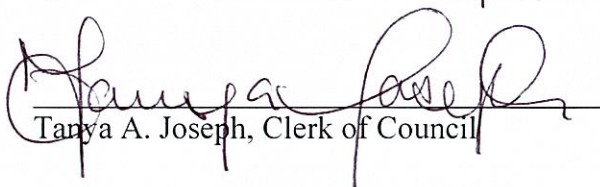

Erica Nikolic, President of Council

Presented to the Mayor 4.14.2025

Approved: 4.29.25

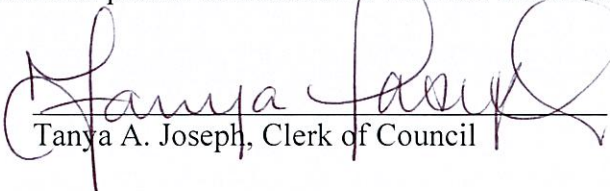

Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

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. 2025-22 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 8th day of April, 2025.


Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

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. 2025-22 was duly posted on the 29th day of April, 2025, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.


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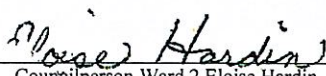
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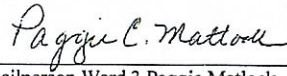

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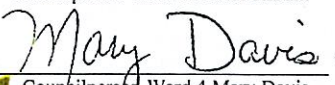

Council President Erica L. Nikolic



President Pro-Tem Johnnie A. Warren

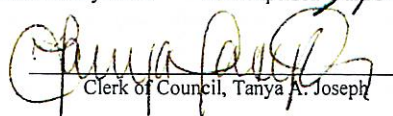

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Clerk of Council, Tanya A. Joseph

