

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-26

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF ROBERT C. TOWNSEND II

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WHEREAS, Robert graduated from Glenville High School; and

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WHEREAS, Robert was a beloved father, devoted husband, cherished friend, and community leader. Robert served in various positions in his community including: Lee Harvard Community Association President, President of Amistad development Corporation, Chairman of the board of the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing, Authority 18 volunteer, Second black Deputy Court Administrator (his father was first), First black Chief Bailiff for the City of Cleveland for 35 years, First black owned state liquor agency 1992, A Beverage Connection, Nonprofit Uplift Ohio from 2014 to 2024 in East Cleveland Ohio, Board Member of Delray Beach Housing Authority, 18 Hope Academy Charter Schools and Life Skills, North Randall Bailiff to Mayor Sheldon Richardson, President of Council for Oakwood Village, he also ran for Mayor of Oakwood Village 2006/2007 (he was the first black man to run), he was a part of Mosaic Temple of Cleveland 32 mason, and many more acclimates he has done; and

WHEREAS, Robert spent a lifetime spreading joy and warmth to those fortunate enough to know him. His journey was marked by a profound commitment to family and community and his impact will forever resonate in the hearts of all who were touched by his grace; and

WHEREAS, Robert leaves to cherish his loving memory his Wife Roberta Rose Townsend, Daughter Alisa Renee Townsend, Son Richard Townsend Sr., and Daughter-in-law Stacey Townsend, Grandsons Alexander Robert Townsend, Aiden D Lewis-Townsend, and Richard Townsend Jr., Great Granddaughter A'Leah K. Jackson; and a host of family, friends, and a community of loved ones whose lives he touched.

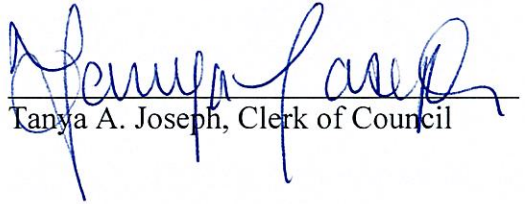
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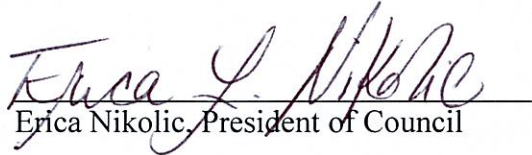
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SECTION 2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to the family of Robert C. Townsend II

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: 5.19.25


Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

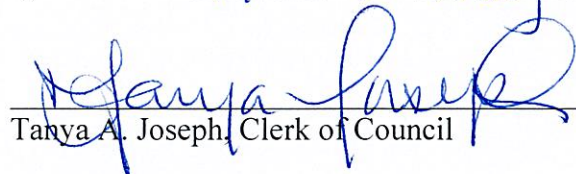

Erica Nikolic, President of Council

Presented to the Mayor 5.28.25

Approved: 5.28.25

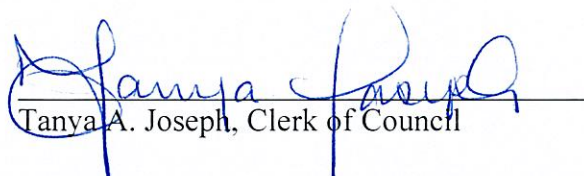

Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

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. 2025-26 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 19th day of may, 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. 2025-26 was duly posted on the 28th day of may, 2025, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.


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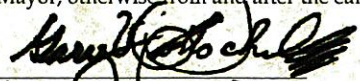
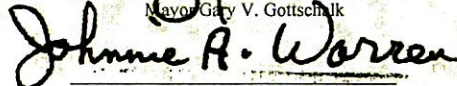
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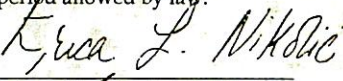
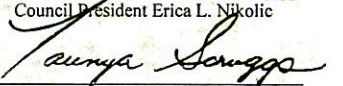
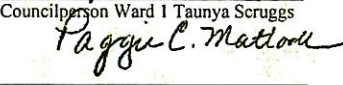
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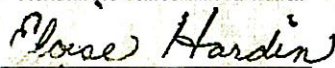
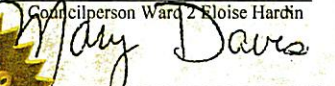
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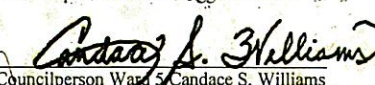
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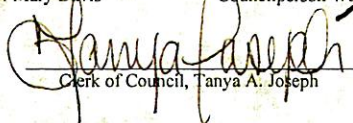
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Councilperson Ward 4 Mary Davis


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Clerk of Council, Tanya A. Joseph

