

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-50

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION IN COMMEMORATION OF GLORIA STOKER'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

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WHEREAS, Their first means of transportation was by hopping on the railroad boxcars; and

WHEREAS, Gloria's parents would have music concerts in the backyard of their Cleveland home. Stanley Sr. would begin to play the Accordion Button Box Banjo and Mandolin. Before you knew it, all of the neighbors would come to their home with their instruments, and ladies with their covered dishes. Oh, what a party!; and

WHEREAS, On November 29th, 1952, Gloria married Phillip Stoker, a WWII Veteran from the Army. From that union, they were blessed with four children: Donald Stoker, Phillip Stoker Jr., Robert Stoker, and Deborah Franchoviak. Additionally, they were blessed with a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, March 8th, 1999, Gloria and Phillip moved to Oakwood Village; and

WHEREAS, Gloria has 100 years of Music and Dancing at the Slovenian National Home, SNPJ Farm, Karlin Hall, Walley's Polka Chips, Happy Timers, and the Chardon Polka Band; and

WHEREAS, On April 10th, 2012, at Dyngus Day, the Polish answered to St. Patrick's Day. Gloria Stoker of Oakwood Village vied for the honor in the Ms. Dyngus Day pageant at the age of 86 (eighty-six). She was "clearly the best at dancing to the Percolator Polka", according to the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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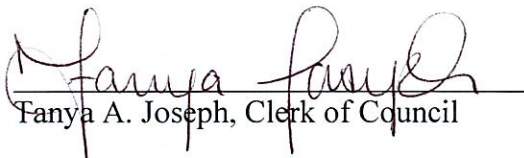
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, by the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, that:


SECTION 1. The Council and Administration of the Village of Oakwood wish to celebrate the 100th (hundredth) birthday of Gloria Stoker. Wishing Gloria continued health and happiness for many years to come.

SECTION 2. The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to Gloria Stoker.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 7-8-25


Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

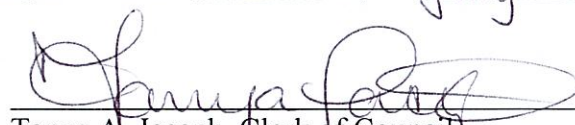

Erica Nikolic, President of Council

Presented to the Mayor 7-9-25

Approved: 7-18-25

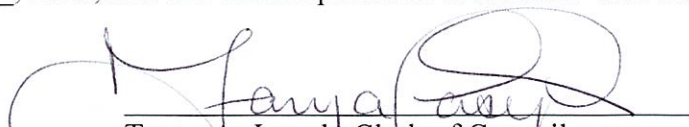

Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

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 Resolution No. 2025-50 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 8th day of July, 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 Resolution No. 2025-50 was duly posted on the 18th day of July, 2025, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.


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