

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-58

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF GENEVIENE "GEN" CANNELLA

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WHEREAS, Renowned for her feistiness and ability to make everyone laugh, Gen loved her eight grandkids and eight great-grandchildren. She frequently acted as a second mother, offering her children and grandchildren's numerous friends wise counsel and without passing judgment; and

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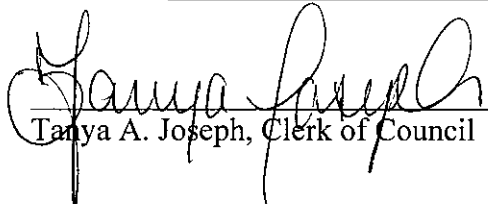
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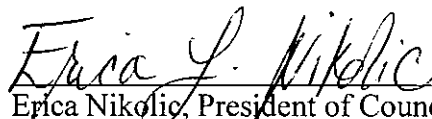
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SECTION 2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to the family of Geneviene "Gen" Cannella.

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: 9.9.25


Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

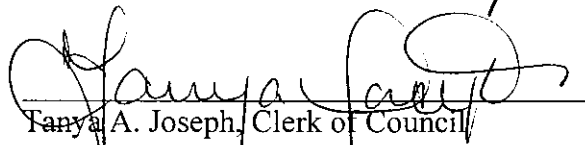

Erica Nikolic, President of Council

Presented to the Mayor 9.10.25

Approved: 9.11.25

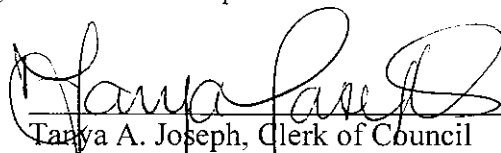

Mayor, Gary V. Gottschalk

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. 2025-58 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 9th day of Sept., 2025.


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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 Resolution No. 2025-58 was duly posted on the 11th day of Sept., 2025, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.


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Councilperson Ward 3 Paggie Matlock

Councilperson Ward 4 Mary Davis

Councilperson Ward 5 Candace S. Hill

Clerk of Council, Tanya A. Joseph

