

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-67

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF IMAM YUSUF ABDUL-ALI

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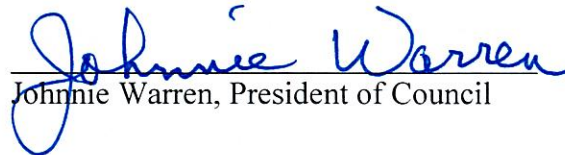
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SECTION 2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to the family of Imam Yusuf Abdul-Ali.

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.

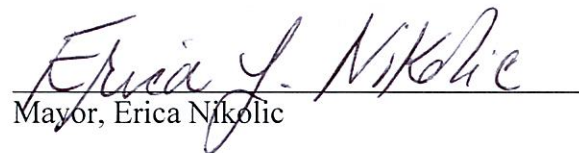
PASSED: 10.28.25


Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

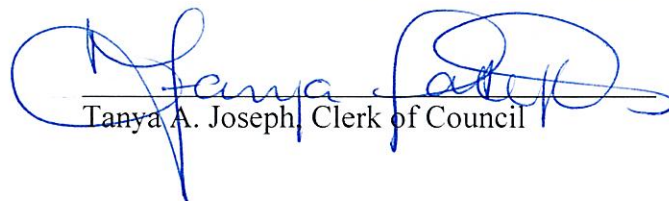

Johnnie Warren, President of Council

Presented to the Mayor 10.29.25

Approved: 10.30.25

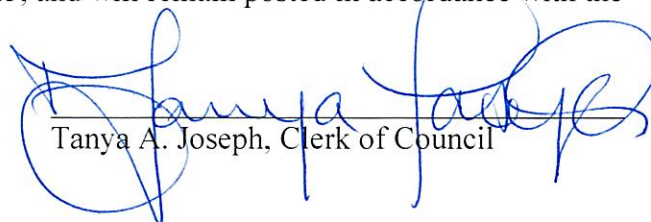

Mayor, Erica Nikolic

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. 2025-67 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 28th day of October, 2025.


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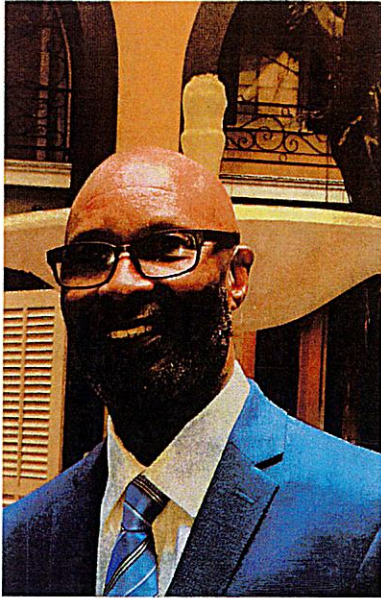
POSTING CERTIFICATE

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. 2025-67 was duly posted on the 30th day of October, 2025, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.


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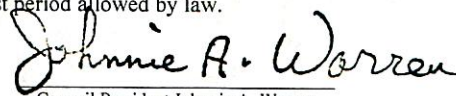
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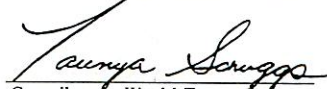
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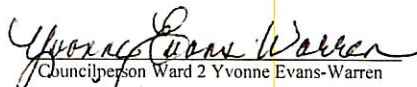
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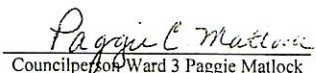

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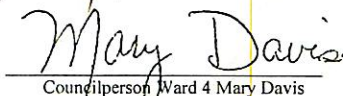

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Clerk of Council, Tanya A. Joseph

