

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-68

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF DARLENE PATRICIA ANN HARDIMON

WHEREAS, Darlene Patricia Ann Hardimon, a longtime resident of Oakwood Village for 48 years, has sadly passed away Friday, October 8th, 2025, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, Darlene was born on December 12th, 1947, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Clifton and Dorothy (Davis) White; and

WHEREAS, Darlene graduated from East Technical High School in 1965. She entered the healthcare field beginning her career as a Nurse's Aide at the Sisters of St. Vincent Charity Hospital. Her ambition and devotion to service led her through a dynamic 27-year tenure at the hospital, advancing into roles including department secretary for the Lions Eye Association and ultimately serving as Director of Ambulatory Care; and

WHEREAS, In 1966, Darlene married her high school sweetheart, Willie Hardimon Jr., whom she met at East Technical High. Together, they raised three sons: Willie "Trae" III, Clifton "Clif", and Kevin, building a life rooted in faith, family, and service; and

WHEREAS, After her time at St. Vincent, Darlene brought her talents and leadership to Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. (NEON), where she served as the Associate Director of Nursing Affairs and Coordinator of Quality Improvement and Research, overseeing a staff of over 40 employees. Her deep knowledge of health systems, combined with her passion for excellence, made her a highly respected figure in public health leadership; and

WHEREAS, Darlene held both bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology, the latter with a specialization in Diversity from Cleveland State University. She was credentialed by the National Training Laboratories (NTL) Institute for Applied Behavioral Science as a certified Diversity Specialist, and she consulted widely across public and private sectors. Her published work, "Diagnosing the Cultural Competence of Hard-Hatted Women", reflects her commitment to equity and representation in the workplace. A recognized voice on issues of healthcare, welfare reform, and cultural competency, Darlene was featured on WEWS News Channel 5's Kaleidoscope and Cleveland State University's Black Studies radio program; and

WHEREAS, Darlene held numerous leadership roles in esteemed national and local organizations such as: past president of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. (TLOD-Greater Cleveland Chapter), nationally served as Chairman of Community Partnerships for TLOD, past president of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW- Western Reserve Section), she was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Omega Chapter, she was a member of The National Coalition of 100 Black Woman, Inc., Greater Cleveland Chapter, and many more national and local organizations. She was a sought-after speaker, educator, and mentor. Her influence was felt in every room she entered, whether it was a hospital boardroom, a classroom, a community meeting, or her own home. Her legacy will endure in the lives she touched, the

institutions she shaped, and the principles she lived by; and

WHEREAS, Darlene was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, mentor, and friend. She was deeply admired for her grace, intellect, and steadfast dedication to helping others succeed. Darlene leaves to cherish her memory: her three sons, Willie Hardimon III, Clifton Hardimon, and Kevin Hardimon (Mitzi), all of Cleveland, OH; grandchildren; Niyana Hardimon-Schellhous (Tracy), Cornelia Hamilton, Jade Brielle Burnett, Cheyenne N. Hardimon, Amiyah N. Hardimon, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. She also leaves behind a vibrant legacy of leadership, scholarship, faith, and service that will continue to inspire generations to come.

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

SECTION 1. The Village Council and Mayor wish to express their most sincere condolences to the family of Darlene Patricia Ann Hardimon 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 Darlene Patricia Ann Hardimon.

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
Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

Johnnie Warren
Johnnie Warren, President of Council

Presented to the Mayor 10.29.25

Approved: 10.30.25

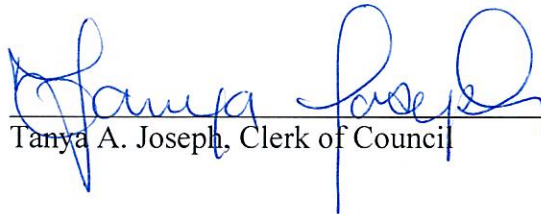
Erica J. Nikolic
Mayor, Erica Nikolic

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. 2025-68 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 28th day of OCT, 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. 2025-68 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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10-30-25
Date

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Clerk of Council, Tanya A. Joseph

