

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-69

INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF BENJAMIN JOSEPH SIZEMORE

WHEREAS, Benjamin Joseph Sizemore, a longtime resident of Oakwood Village, was welcomed into heaven by his lord and savior peacefully on Thursday, October 23rd, 2025, at the age of 73, after a courageous and resilient battle with liver disease; and

WHEREAS, Ben was born on June 9th, 1952, in West Virginia to the late Benjamin Franklin and Lyla Irene (nee Pack); and

WHEREAS, Ben was a graduate of Bedford High School class of 1972, where he met his lifelong best man Rick Orill (Donna). He was a devoted and enthusiastic member of the Teamsters Local 407, where he met lifelong friends that became family; and

WHEREAS, Ben's exuberance for life and the smile on his face will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. His ability to make everyone laugh and the pure joy and love he held for his family will forever be cherished. There was never a prouder "girl dad" than him. He was very proud to be a father and even more overjoyed to be a Grampy. His support and kindness shown to friends and strangers alike will be deeply missed

WHEREAS, Ben's love for Jesus and his unwavering faith will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, Ben's family would like to thank the kind and loving neighbors on Garden Rd., for their endless support over the years, and the staff at UH Ahuja whose nurses fought for Benny's life as much as he did. Your empathy and devotion were not left unnoticed. Also, to Dr. Seth Sclair and his nurse practitioner Kourtney, who gave so much more time, and allowed Ben to live with dignity, care, and respect; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known as Ben, Benny, Dad, and Grampy, he was the beloved husband of 46 years to Margie (nee Sleyzak); adored dad of Angi Mancini (Tony), Amanda Oslejsek (Mike), and Samantha Scahel (Michael); Grampy to the true loves of his life, grandkids David (Meghan), Amber (Kevin), Joshua, Brittani (Danny), Kristina, Justin, Kayla, Hailey, Michael and Delaney; great-grandpa to Luke, Kinsley, Alex, and DJ; brother to Jerry (Barb), the late Virgil (Deanna), and Donna Kay (Henry); brother-in-law to the late Steve Sleyzak (Gal), Larry Sleyzak (Jenny), Mike Sleyzak (Cheryl) and Pat Kowalski (Joe); and

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

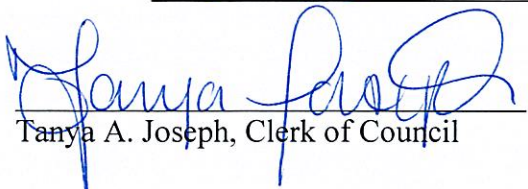
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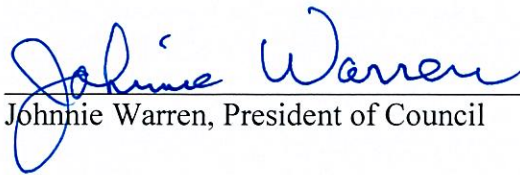
SECTION 2. The Clerk is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to the family of Benjamin Joseph Sizemore.

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

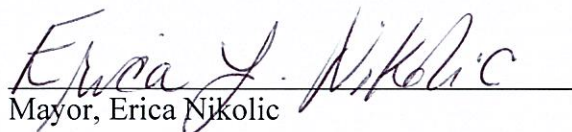

Johnnie Warren, President of Council

Presented to the
Mayor

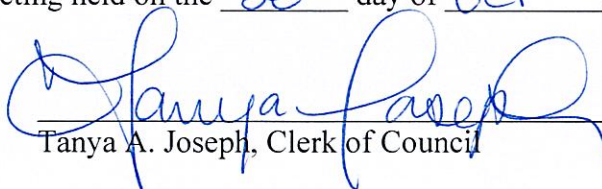
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Approved:

10-30-25

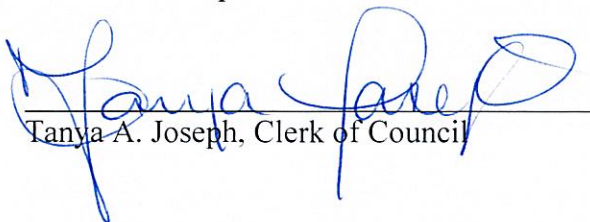

Mayor, Erica Nikolic

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. 2025-69 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

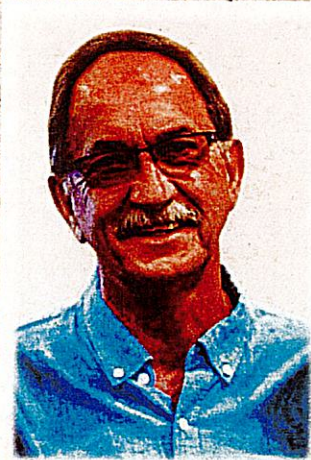
POSTING CERTIFICATE

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. 2025-69 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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Tanya A. Joseph
Clerk of Council, Tanya A. Joseph

