

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-79**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF  
CAROLYN T. ALLEN**

**WHEREAS**, Carolyn T. Allen a longtime resident of Oakwood Village, has sadly passed away Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at the age of 91; and

**WHEREAS**, Carolyn was born on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1934 in Raleigh, West Virginia to William and Frances Wood Taylor. She was the youngest of four daughters, affectionately known as “the Taylor girls”; and

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**WHEREAS**, Together, Carolyn and Leroy built a warm, welcoming home in the Cape Cod Estates of Oakwood Village. Their home was filled with love and pride. Their beautifully maintained property earned recognition in the “Bright and Beautiful Block” contest from 1976 through 1984, and later they served as contest judges, inspiring others in their community; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1991, Carolyn began studying the Bible with Jehovah’s Witnesses and was baptized on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1993. Her deep faith brought her great joy, and she loved hosting the Meeting for Field Service in her home and sharing her hope with others; and

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**WHEREAS**, Carolyn was preceded in death by her beloved husband Leroy Allen, Sr.; two of their children Leroy Allen Jr. and Carolyn L. Ruffin; her sisters Jane Ellison, Willa Berger, and May Frances “Tiny” Taylor; and Son-in-law Wayne Prowell; 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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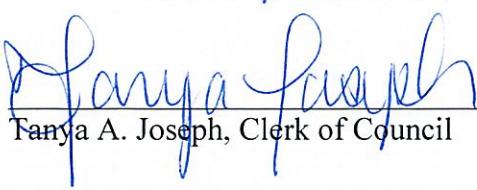
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**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approved by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 12.9.25

Eloise Hardin

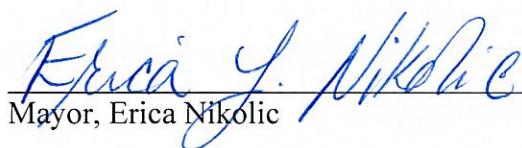
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Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

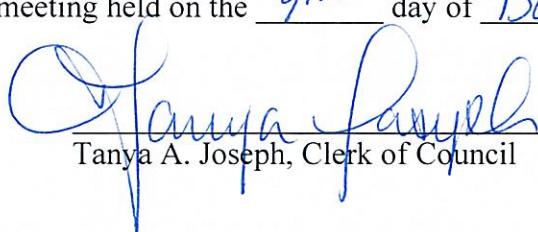
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Approved: 12.10.25

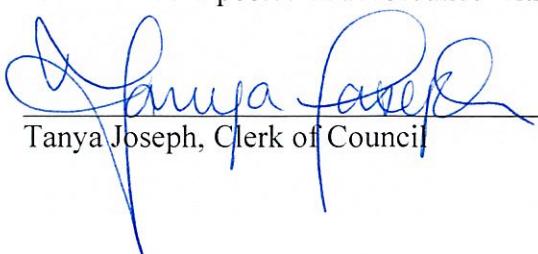
  
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I, Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2025-79 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 9th day of Dec, 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. 2025-79 was duly posted on the 10th day of Dec, 2025, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

  
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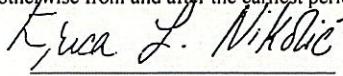
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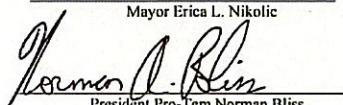
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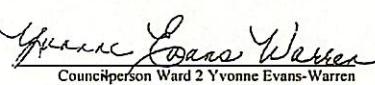
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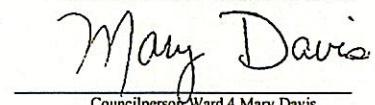
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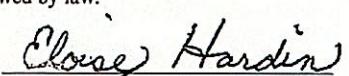
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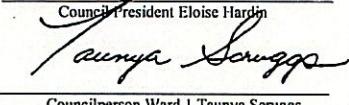
  
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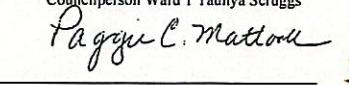
  
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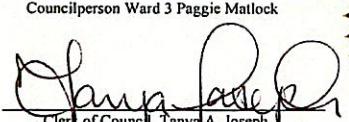
  
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