

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-80**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF  
WILLIE W. HINTON**

**WHEREAS**, Willie W. Hinton has sadly passed away Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the age of 79; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie was born on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1945, in Praco, Alabama to the late Willie W. II and Buhlar Hinton. He was the fourth of ten siblings and the eldest son; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Willie Walter Hinton III, a United States Army Veteran, highly respected business leader, devoted husband, and loving father and grandfather, lived a life exemplifying dedication, service, love and benevolence; and

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**WHEREAS**, Willie embodied the characteristics of a Good Samaritan, giving and serving others, including providing shoes, coats, and whatever else was needed to help students in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie, as manager of Sam's Club in Oakwood Village, entrusted to distribute grant funds, was able to support the needs of various eligible and deserving non-profit organizations within the City of Solon and the Greater Cleveland community; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie, because of his benevolence and deep commitment to others, was honored with the Key to the City of Oakwood Village in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie was honored by the late mayor of Oakwood Village, Gary Gottschalk, when he declared Tuesday, March 28, 2006, "Willie Hinton Day"; 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:

**SECTION 1.** The Village Council and Mayor wish to express their most sincere condolences to the family of Willie W. Hinton III 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 Willie

W. Hinton III.

**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  
Eloise Hardin, President of Council

Tanya A. Joseph  
Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

Presented to the Mayor 12.10.25

Approved: 12.10.25

Erica L. 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. 2025-80 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 2025.

Tanya A. Joseph  
Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

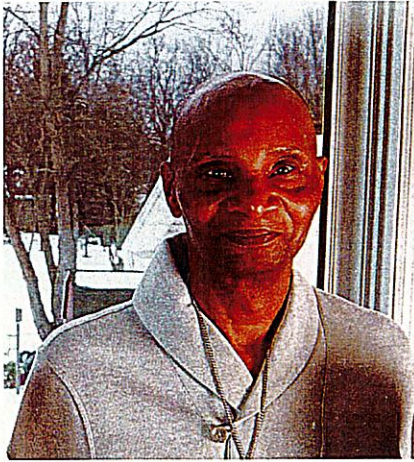
### POSTING CERTIFICATE

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. 2025-80 was duly posted on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

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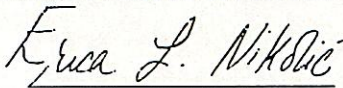
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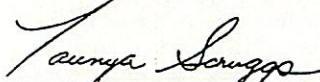
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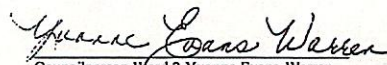
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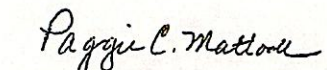
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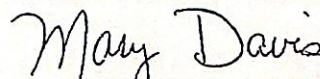
  
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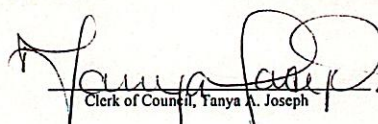
  
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