

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-86

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF
MICHAEL P. PARISH**

WHEREAS, Michael P. Parish has sadly passed away Monday, December 1st, 2025, at the age of 68; and

WHEREAS, Michael was born on December 28th, 1956 in Honolulu, Hawaii, to Alford L. Parish Sr., and the late Catherine Parish; and

WHEREAS, Michael was primarily raised in Cleveland, Ohio and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in 1975. He participated in several activities and proudly played trumpet in the school's "Million Dollar Marching Band"; and

WHEREAS, Michael honorably served in the United States Air Force. He later joined the Cleveland Fire Department as a Firefighter and EMT on January 26, 1981, serving 22 years. He was a proud member of the Cleveland Chapter of the Vanguards and the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters (IABPFF). After retiring, he pursued various business ventures reflecting his diverse interests and entrepreneurial spirit; and

WHEREAS, Michael was an active resident involved in numerous community campaigns and causes for the city of Bedford Heights for over three decades; and

WHEREAS, Michael was married to Linda Parish for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Michael was a part of the 1970 B-Buzz Baseball League champions, he enjoyed coaching baseball and softball, affectionally known as "Uncle Mike", bowling leagues with friends, gardening, spending time with family, face timing with his grandchildren, and he loved supporting and uplifting his community; and

WHEREAS, Michael was preceded in death by his mother, Catherine Parish, and his former wife, Linda Parish. He is survived by his father, Alford L. Parish Sr.; his children, Kiana Parish, Adrian Parish and his wife Shanon Parish and Kelly Parish-Zurowski and her husband Jason Zurowski; and his brother, Alford L. Parish Jr., and his wife Poppie Parish. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Kiairah Peterson and her husband Jordan Peterson, Marquise Williams, Kaylin Parish, and Anya Parish, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and extended relatives who loved him dearly

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

SECTION 1. The Village of Oakwood, the Village Council, Mayor, and all elected and appointed officials express their most sincere condolences to the family and friends of Michael P. Parish 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 Michael P. Parish.

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: 1.13.26

Eloise Hardin
Eloise Hardin, President of Council

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

Presented to the
Mayor 1.14.26

Approved: 1.14.26

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. 2025-86 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 13th day of January, 2026.

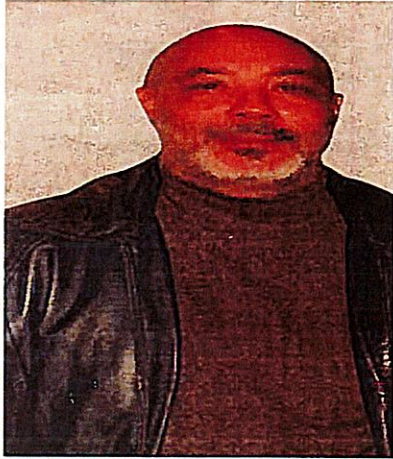
Tanya A. Joseph
Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

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. 2025-86 was duly posted on the 14th day of January, 2026, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

Tanya Joseph
Tanya Joseph, Clerk of Council

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF MICHAEL PHILLIP PARISH



WHEREAS, Michael P. Parish has sadly passed away Monday, December 1st, 2025, at the age of 68; and

WHEREAS, Michael was born on December 28th, 1956 in Honolulu, Hawaii, to Alford L. Parish Sr., and the late Catherine Parish; and

WHEREAS, Michael was primarily raised in Cleveland, Ohio and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in 1975. He participated in several activities and proudly played trumpet in the school's "Million Dollar Marching Band"; and

WHEREAS, Michael honorably served in the United States Air Force. He later joined the Cleveland Fire Department as a Firefighter and EMT on January 26, 1981, serving 22 years. He was a proud member of the Cleveland Chapter of the Vanguards and the International Association of Black Professional Firefighters

(IABPFF). After retiring, he pursued various business ventures reflecting his diverse interests and entrepreneurial spirit; and

WHEREAS, Michael was an active resident involved in numerous community campaigns and causes for the city of Bedford Heights for over three decades; and

WHEREAS, Michael was married to Linda Parish for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Michael was a part of the 1970 B-Buzz Baseball League champions, he enjoyed coaching baseball and softball, affectionally known as "Uncle Mike", bowling leagues with friends, gardening, spending time with family, face timing with his grandchildren, and he loved supporting and uplifting his community; and

WHEREAS, Michael was preceded in death by his mother, Catherine Parish, and his former wife, Linda Parish. He is survived by his father, Alford L. Parish Sr.; his children, Kiana Parish, Adrian Parish and his wife Shanon Parish and Kelly Parish-Zurowski and her husband Jason Zurowski; and his brother, Alford L. Parish Jr., and his wife Poppie Parish. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Kiairah Peterson and her husband Jordan Peterson, Marquise Williams, Kaylin Parish, and Anya Parish, along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and extended relatives who loved him dearly

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

SECTION 1. The Village of Oakwood, the Village Council, Mayor, and all elected and appointed officials express their most sincere condolences to the family and friends of Michael P. Parish 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 Michael P. Parish.

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.

Erica L. Nikolic

Mayor Erica L. Nikolic

Norman Bliss

Council At-Large Norman Bliss

Yvonne Evans-Warren

Councilperson Ward 2 Yvonne Evans-Warren

Mary Davis

Councilperson Ward 4 Mary Davis

Eloise Hardin

President Eloise Hardin

Taunya Scruggs

Councilperson Ward 1 Taunya Scruggs

Paggie C. Matlock

Councilperson Ward 3 Paggie Matlock

Joseph L. Laster

Councilperson Ward 5 Joseph Laster

Tanya A. Joseph

Clerk of Council, Tanya A. Joseph

