

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**A RESOLUTION TO HONOR JOHN FREEMAN III ON THE OCCASION OF HIS  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE OF 30 YEARS**

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**WHEREAS**, throughout his career, John has consistently gone above and beyond in his duties, serving as a role model to colleagues and making a lasting impact on the department and community; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued safety, strength, and success of the Village of Oakwood are built upon the dedication, professionalism, and loyalty of its public servants; and

**WHEREAS**, John has faithfully and honorably served as a full-time member of the Oakwood Police Department for thirty (30) years, demonstrating unwavering commitment to duty, integrity in service, and excellence in leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout three decades of service, John has contributed greatly to the safety and security of the residents of Oakwood, has led by example in upholding the highest standards of law enforcement, and has earned the respect and admiration of colleagues, leadership, and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, such extraordinary service over thirty years reflects not only perseverance and dedication, but also embodies the true spirit of public service that strengthens the trust between the Oakwood Police Department and the community it serves; and

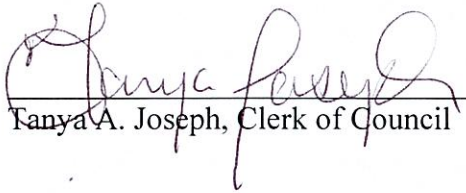
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, by the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, that:

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**SECTION 2.** The Council President is hereby authorized to present a copy of this resolution to John Freeman and enter this resolution into the official record of the Village of Oakwood as a lasting tribute to John Freeman's exemplary contributions and steadfast commitment to the Village and its citizens.

**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

  
Tanya A. Joseph, Clerk of Council

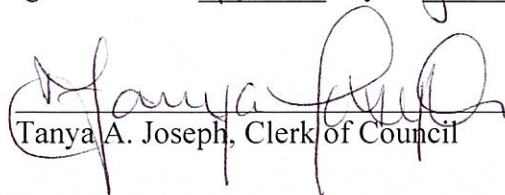
  
Eloise Hardin, President of Council

Presented to the Mayor 1/14/26

Approved: 1-14-26

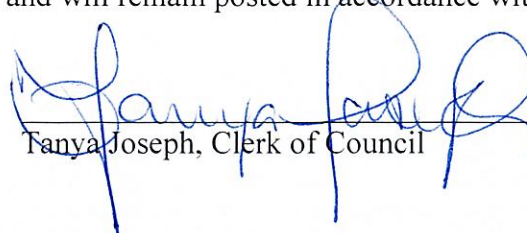
  
Mayor, Erica Nikolic

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. 2026-03 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

  
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### **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. 2026-03 was duly posted on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.

  
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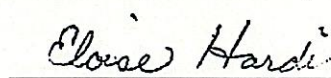
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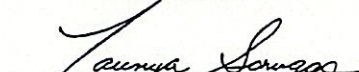
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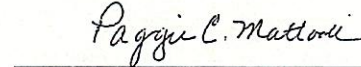
  
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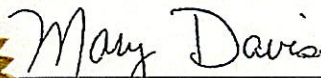
  
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Council At-Large Norman Bliss

  
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Councilperson Ward 2 Yvonne Evans-Warren

  
Councilperson Ward 3 Paggie Matlock

  
Councilperson Ward 4 Mary Davis

  
Councilperson Ward 5 Joseph Lastery



  
Clerk of Council, Tanya A. Joseph