

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-56

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THELMA
PAULINE WILLIAMS

WHEREAS, the Village Council and Mayor of Oakwood along with the residents of Oakwood Village wish to place on record the passing of resident Thelma Pauline Williams; and

WHEREAS, Thelma was born on September 13, 1949, in Eufaula, Alabama, to Frank Edmonds Jr. and Ruthie Mae Edmonds; and

WHEREAS, On March 11, 1961, Thelma married the love of her life, John "Johnny" Williams Sr., in Cleveland, Ohio. Together they built a beautiful life founded on faith, love, perseverance, and partnership. Their union was blessed with two children, Regina and John Jr., who remained the center of her world; and

WHEREAS, Throughout their marriage, Thelma faithfully worked alongside her husband in several retail businesses. Together they demonstrated the true meaning of partnership, serving their customers with integrity, excellence, and genuine care. After retiring and relocating to Fort Gaines, Georgia, they fulfilled another dream by opening a men's and women's apparel store, where Thelma's warm smile, welcoming spirit, and exceptional customer service made everyone feel like family; and

WHEREAS, Above all, Thelma was a woman of deep and abiding faith. She could always be found praying with and for others, offering words of encouragement, and extending a helping hand to anyone in need. Whether family, friend, neighbor, or stranger, she freely gave her time, compassion, and love. Her life was a reflection of Christ's love, quietly touching countless lives through her kindness, generosity, and servant's heart. While she took great pride in the businesses she helped build, her greatest joy was found in the love she poured into her family. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, a proud grandmother, and a trusted friend whose gentle spirit, compassionate heart, and unwavering support will forever be cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing her; and

WHEREAS, January 1975, Thelma was one of the first homeowners who lived on Millbury Court, part of the Cape Cod Development in Oakwood Village, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, While our hearts are saddened by her passing, we rejoice in knowing that Thelma's earthly labor is complete and she now rests peacefully in the loving arms of her Savior. Her legacy of faith, perseverance, compassion, unconditional love, and service to others will continue to inspire generations to come; and

WHEREAS, She leaves to cherish her precious memory her devoted daughter, Regina Williams Hendrick (Robert); her loving son, John Williams Jr. (Cristal); her beloved sister, Mary Monroe Green; her cherished grandsons, John Williams III (Taylor) and Jordan O. Williams; her bonus grandsons, Thomas K. Hendrick and Matthew D. Hendrick; and a host of nieces, nephews,

cousins, extended family members, and dear friends whose lives were forever enriched by her love and kindness;

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 Thelma Pauline Williams and hope that the fond memories of such a wonderful, caring person comfort them in their loss.

SECTION 2. The Resolution attached hereto is hereby adopted and the Clerk is hereby authorized to present a copy of the said Resolution to the family of Thelma Pauline Williams.

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: 7-14-2026

Eloise Hardin
Eloise Hardin, President of Council

Carol Jackson
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

Presented to the Mayor 7-15-2026

Approved: 7-15-2026

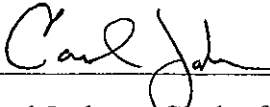
Erica J. Nikolic
Mayor, Erica Nikolic

I, Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 2026-56 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 14th day of July, 2026.

Carol Jackson
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Resolution No. 2026 -56 was duly posted on the 20th day of July, 2026 and will remain posted in accordance with the Oakwood Village Charter.



Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

DATED: July 20, 2026