



PROCLAMATION OF REMEMBRANCE

Bennie Ross Baker

Badge #23

WHEREAS, the collective community of the Village of Woodmere is saddened to learn that **Officer Bennie Ross Baker** (age 62) transitioned to eternal life; and

WHEREAS, Officer Baker was the husband of Antoinette "Toni" Baker; loving brother to Tyrone, Antwinette, Hubert Jr. and Lennetta, and grandfather to Ja'Kayla Baker, Alana Cumba, Milton Johnson, ShaRon Johnson and Melanie Brown, father-figure to Brandon and Brandi and Godfather to Aniyah Mattice-Brown; and

WHEREAS, Bennie Baker graduated from Warrensville Heights High School in 1976 and began his law enforcement career in Woodmere in 2004 and retired in 2016. He was recognized as Officer of the Year in 2013 and was known for his genuine smile and commitment to serving mankind; and

WHEREAS, Officer Baker was also known for taking great pride in keeping a professional appearance offering a helping hand to village residents particularly those in need of lawn care and landscaping; and

WHEREAS, Officer Baker, once retired, would often stop by the Woodmere Village Police station to visit, say hello, provide inspiration with every contact and conversation; and

WHEREAS, the collective community of the Village of Woodmere is comforted by the words of the Supreme Being in Revelations 21:4 which says: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away;" and

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the residents of the Village of Woodmere, staff, and members of the administration embrace the Baker family in a common bond of sorrow and remembrance; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that we thank **Officer Bennie Ross Baker** for his dedication, loyalty, years of exemplary service to the Woodmere Police Department, the citizens of the Village, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**. Officer Baker made the people he served and his family proud and his sacrifices will not be forgotten:

Officer Bennie Ross Baker, Badge #23 - End of watch - March 19, 2020. I hereby affix my signature to this document providing heartfelt condolences to the entire Baker family on this the 28th day of March 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin I. Holbert, III".

Benjamin I. Holbert, III
Mayor/Safety Director
Village of Woodmere, Ohio