



PROCLAMATION OF REMEMBRANCE DAVID ROY MITCHELL

WHEREAS, the collective community of the Village of Woodmere is saddened to learn David Roy Mitchell born December 28, 1953 transitioned to eternal life on October 21, 2020 at age 66; and

WHEREAS, David R. Mitchell graduated from Bonds Wilson High School in the Liberty Hill section of North Charleston, South Carolina in 1971 and went on to Wilberforce University, where he earned a degree in Political Science and Government in 1975; and

WHEREAS, David served conscientiously as a Trustee at the Central Bible Baptist Church in Cleveland and retired from the Kmart Corporation and later managed the City of Cleveland Cemeteries; and.

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell was credited for implementing new procedures to improve operations while overseeing major expansions of city owned cemeteries including the opening of Cleveland Memorial Gardens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell was a former President of the Greater Cleveland Cemetery Association and the only African American cemetery manager in Northeast Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell was a life member of Omega Psi Phi with forty-eight years of fraternal service and was initiated December 1, 1972 through Upsilon Chapter at Wilberforce University; and

WHEREAS, he advanced his civic involvement through Zeta Omega Chapter's Achievement Week Committee since 2000, where he served as Achievement Week Chairman in 2006, 2012, and 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell was a 30-year member of Central Bible Baptist Church where he served as Junior Church Teacher, Adult Choir Member and Vice Chairmen of the Board of Trustees and performed as an Actor/Singer with L.O.V.E. (Lifting Our Voices Eternally) Ensemble, a gospel group comprised of various churches throughout greater Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, David Mitchell is survived by his wife, Rhonda, mother, Georgianna Mitchell, six sisters, five brothers, his children, mother-in-law Brenda Hall and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and fraternity brothers.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the collective community of the Village of Woodmere petitions Almighty God to give family and friends comfort and peace during this difficult time; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the residents of the Village of Woodmere, staff, and members of the administration embrace the Mitchell family in a common bond of remembrance. Thus, I hereby affix my signature on this record of sympathy and condolences on this, the sixth day of November, 2020.

Benjamin I. Holbert, III
Mayor