



PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 75th BIRTHDAY  
OF  
**MR. LEWIS THOMPSON**

WHEREAS, longevity is a blessing for our community whereby our citizens have benefitted from the knowledge, creativity, and the experiences of our friend and neighbor, Lewis Thompson; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Woodmere recognizes with respect the contributions of senior citizens defined as individuals of more than 60 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson, affectionately known to many as “Rat” was born July 16th, 1945, in Camden Alabama, the county seat of Wilcox County, Alabama, and describes himself as someone who always tries to live by the “Golden Rule” and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson is a United States Army Veteran who fought in the Vietnam War, a military conflict lasting from November 1, 1955 to April 30, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson retired in 2006 from General Motors Parma plant as a Master Mechanic after 38 years of service. During his leisure he enjoys gaming, travel, auto restoration, and enjoying time with family; and

WHEREAS, family is vitally important to Mr. Thompson, one of eight children, three who currently glory in his 75 years and four whom he has cherished memories when they had life here on earth; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis has been married to Ceola for 34 years and through this union of love, gave life to four children: Lewis Thompson Jr (Andronese), Charles Thompson (Tenia), Lamika Thompson, Courtney Thompson (Kiantra) and three adopted children Courtney, Deandre, David, and a majestic legacy of 18 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Benjamin I. Holbert, III, Mayor of the Village of Woodmere, and on the behalf of the citizens of our wonderful community, and on the occasion of the 75<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of Woodmere (November 18, 1944), honor Mr. Lewis Thompson, Roselawn resident, for his long life and prosperity and wish him many more years. I hereby affix my signature on the 16th day of July 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Holbert III", written in a cursive style.

**Benjamin I. Holbert, III**  
Mayor