



PROCLAMATION OF REMEMBRANCE

STANLEY RUDOLPH MILLER SR.

“If I can help somebody as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or song, if I can show somebody he’s traveling wrong, then my living will not be in vain.”

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

WHEREAS; Stanley R. Miller Sr., age 73, was born June 5, 1948, and throughout his life demonstrated great faith in Jesus Christ, and an undying love and commitment to his church, his community, and his friends and family, and crossed the threshold to eternal rest September 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS; Stanley Miller was a longtime Clevelander, graduating from Glenville High School, Kent State University, and engaged in graduate work at Cleveland State, Ohio State, Ashland University, New York University, Harvard/MIT, Boston University, and is a graduate of the FBI Citizens’ Academy; and

WHEREAS; Stanley Miller was an ordained minister serving as pastor of Rust United Methodist Church since July 1, 2015, a historic church organized in 1873 and stands as the oldest African American church in Lorain County; and

WHEREAS; Reverend Miller spent 31 years at Ameritech, retiring in 1999 as the Vice President of External Affairs, Interim Chief External Affairs Officer for the Cleveland Municipal School District, and Principal of the SRM Group, LLC, a consulting business focusing on building and maintaining effective relationships with customers, employees, the community, and public officials; and

WHEREAS; Rev. Miller was a servant leader spending six years (from 2005 to 2011) as Executive Director of the Cleveland Branch of the NAACP, two years as the Executive Director of Neighborhood Centers Association, Foreman of the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury, Advisory Committee member for the Cleveland Salvation Army, Cleveland Museum of Arts, Cuyahoga County Adult and Senior Services, Murtis H. Taylor Board of Trustees, Past President of the Warrensville Heights Board of Education, Ohio Civil Service Commission, United Way Services Board of Directors, Pepper Pike Civil Service Commission, Global Cleveland Board of Trustees, and countless other civic and government organizations; and

WHEREAS; Rev. Miller had a profound impact on the career of numerous civic leaders, he served as an advisor to the Mayor of the Village of Woodmere and will be remembered as a government and educational guru, a pillar of the community, a freedom fighter, and municipal analyst; and

WHEREAS; during the COVID 19 pandemic, Stanley Miller advocated for vaccination clinics while working as the manager of government relations for the MetroHealth System, one of his many accomplishments was ensuring that communities, including the residents of the Village of Woodmere, were able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at no expense; and

WHEREAS; Stanley was married to Veronica (aka) Ronnie on June 8, 1968, and their union brought forth two children Stanley Jr., (Brande) and Steven (Lucy), two grandsons, and seven granddaughters.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the collective community of the Village of Woodmere petition the Almighty to give the family and friends of Reverend Stanley R. Miller Sr comfort and peace during this time of bereavement.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the residents of the Village of Woodmere and administrators embrace the Miller family in a common bond of condolences.

I HEREBY AFFIX MY SIGNATURE on this record of sympathy and condolences on this the seventeenth day of September, in the year of our Lord, 2021.

Benjamin I. Holbert, III
Mayor