



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Wiseman Dance Studio, which closed its doors on June 8, 2024, has been a cherished institution in the City of Obetz, Ohio, for an impressive 57 years, dedicated to the art of dance and to the development of countless dancers of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the studio, founded by the esteemed Ms. Sharon Wiseman, who began her dance journey at the age of 5 with Georgia Gay Dance Studio, eventually teaching there before attending Jacobs Pillow Dance in Massachusetts on a scholarship at the age of 17, has provided a nurturing environment for students to express their creativity, build confidence, and develop their talents through the discipline of dance; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Wiseman began teaching dance in her basement in 1969 before moving to a dedicated studio on Williams Road in 1980, then to Lockbourne Road in 2000, and finally to Alum Creek Drive, where the studio has thrived. Many performances dance recitals were held locally at Hamilton Township High School, and the Obetz ZucchiniFest. Wiseman Dance Studio has also been a fixture in various parades, participated in multiple dance conventions, and even traveled to Disney World, where the studio performed four times; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her dedication to the arts, Ms. Sharon Wiseman also contributed to the local sports community by coaching softball for the Hamilton Youth Athletic Association (HYAA) for ten years, sharing her leadership and love of sports with young athletes; and

WHEREAS, the Wiseman Dance Studio has not only provided exceptional dance training but was also a founder of the Emerald Lasses Baton Corp. Ms. Wiseman herself judged for a National Dance Competition for 25 years, sharing her vast expertise with the broader dance community; and

WHEREAS, although Ms. Wiseman retired in 2020, she continued teaching dance through this year, embodying her lifelong passion for dance. Ms. Wiseman's love for teaching and dedication to her students has left an incredible mark on the Obetz community, as generations of families returned with their children to take lessons at her studio. For many children, the studio was a safe haven, and Ms. Sharon made them feel like family from the moment they stepped through the door; and

WHEREAS, Wiseman Dance Studio has been instrumental in bringing the joy of dance to the Obetz community, enriching the cultural fabric of our city through numerous performances, recitals, and community events. Ms. Sharon Wiseman's contributions have extended beyond the studio, with countless individuals proudly showing off a shuffle ball change or first position whenever they encounter her in the community, regardless of their age; and

WHEREAS, the closure of Wiseman Dance Studio on June 8, 2024, marks the end of an era, leaving behind a legacy of artistic achievement, community spirit, and a sense of family that will be remembered and cherished by all who have been touched by its influence; and

WHEREAS, the City of Obetz extends its deepest gratitude to Wiseman Dance Studio and to Ms. Sharon Wiseman for her decades of service, her unwavering commitment to fostering the arts within our community, and her pride as a business owner in the City of Obetz;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Angela Kirk, Mayor of the City of Obetz, do hereby proclaim **June 8, 2025**, as a day to honor and celebrate the Wiseman Dance Studio, and I urge all citizens to recognize the significant contributions of this beloved institution and to join in expressing our heartfelt appreciation for its lasting impact on the City of Obetz.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Obetz to be affixed this **28th day of October 2024**.

Mayor Angela M. Kirk