



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

## PROCLAMATION

**W**HEREAS, in 2015, Steve and Christine founded the Sisko Kidz Foundation, a non-profit organization in Columbus, Ohio, dedicated to supporting under-resourced families through material donations, educational opportunities, and fostering community involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Siskos' compassion stems from their experiences growing up, witnessing the challenges faced by family members and friends in providing care, especially for disabled loved ones, inspiring their dedication to those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, the Siskos' efforts to connect with those in need and with those willing to give have transformed their initial operations—from a humble backyard shed to a 2,800-square-foot storage unit beside B33, a local bingo hall on Refugee Road, which they took over in 2018 to expand their outreach; and

**WHEREAS**, since its founding, Sisko Kidz has provided assistance to more than 500 families and donated over \$70,000 in resources, including essential items like washers, dryers, sectional couches, and even cars, offering hope and stability to those who need it most; and

**WHEREAS**, Sisko Kidz has further demonstrated its commitment to the community by donating fully stocked backpacks to students, paying off school lunch debt, providing meals for families during the pandemic, and enrolling children in sports programs to encourage positive engagement and activity; and

**WHEREAS**, Sisko Kidz has extended its support to victims of domestic violence, offering resources and assistance to help rebuild their lives, and has helped families rehome and rebuild after devastating house fires, bringing compassion and stability to those experiencing crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, each Christmas, the Sisko Kidz Foundation makes a significant donation to the Obetz Food Pantry, helping to ensure that families in our community have the resources they need to celebrate Christmas with joy and dignity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sisko Kidz Foundation has been a steadfast partner to the City of Obetz, generously contributing their time, resources, and energy to support local initiatives, including helping with the Obetz Zucchini Festival Pageant;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Obetz extends its deepest gratitude to the Sisko Kidz Foundation and to Mr. Steve Sisko and Mrs. Christine Sisko for their service and unwavering commitment to our community, and their pride as a business owner in the City of Obetz;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Angela Kirk, Mayor of the City of Obetz, do hereby recognize Steve Sisko, Christine Sisko, and the Sisko Kidz Foundation for their unwavering dedication to improving the lives of families in need, their exemplary service to our community, and their embodiment of kindness and generosity. Let this proclamation serve as a token of our gratitude and admiration for their ongoing efforts to make a positive difference in Obetz and beyond.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Obetz to be affixed this *27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025*.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela M. Kirk".

Mayor Angela M. Kirk