

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF RUBY N. JONES
AND 25 YEARS OF THE RUBY N JONES COMMUNITY
SCHOLARSHIP FUND, OCTOBER 23, 2023**

Whereas, in 1998, pursuing a long-held dream, Ms. Ruby N. Jones, author and educator, with the help of other Oberlin residents and friends, founded the Oberlin Community Youth Scholarship Fund (OCYSF), and

Whereas, as a long-time employee of the Oberlin School District, Mrs. Jones's dream was to establish Oberlin community support for education of Oberlin students beyond the high school level, and over the next twenty years, more than \$200,000 was raised for that purpose, and

Whereas, in 2018, the organization was renamed the Ruby N. Jones Community Scholarship Fund (RNJCSF) to honor the founder, and

Whereas, the Ruby N. Jones Community Scholarship Fund is a grass-roots organization whose mission is to provide need-based financial support for higher education to capable college-aged students with strong character and personal vision residing within the Oberlin school district, and

Whereas, knowing how further education can broaden the scope of their available opportunities, the Scholarship Fund strives to help those students realize their dreams of post-secondary education, and

Whereas, the Ruby N. Jones Community Scholarship Fund has contributed to the educational goals of over 73 Oberlin School District students in its 25 years of service,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bryan Burgess, Mayor of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, on behalf of Oberlin City Council, proclaim Monday, October 23, 2023, Ruby N. Jones Day in recognition of the many lives that have been positively affected by the Ruby N. Jones Community Scholarship Fund's efforts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Oberlin, Ohio, to be affixed hereto this 16th day of October 2023.

Bryan Burgess
Mayor/ President of Council