In the Name and by the Authority of the

CITY OF Beachwood

Proclamation

Proclaiming Saturday, October 15, 2016 as "CLAYBRON O. WISHAM DAY" in the City of Beachwood

WHEREAS, We are saddened to say a final goodbye to **Claybron O. Wisham**, a City of Beachwood resident for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, **Claybron** was born in Newport, Arkansas in 1932. He graduated from Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1954 and was a member of the U. S. Army from 1954 to 1956. After his honorable discharge, **Claybron** was hired by Arkansas Baptist College as Director of Athletics, HPED instructor and basketball and football coach; and

WHEREAS, After moving to Cleveland, Ohio, **Claybron** worked for Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI) where he was promoted in 1968 to Supervisor of Employment, retiring from CEI in 1993. There was a period of time when **Claybron** was employed at Union Commerce Bank, being the first black officer hired there; and

WHEREAS, **Claybron** was a member of the City Club of Cleveland, City of Beachwood Police Cadet Program, American Association of Blacks in Energy, Cleveland Equal Employment Association, and many other notable organizations. He served on many boards and committees, including Blacks in Management, Inc., Unified Technology Center, Miles Ahead, Inc. and Cleveland Sight Center; and

WHEREAS, Along with his loving wife Evelyn, **Claybron** leaves behind two daughters, Lorna and Karen, and two grandchildren, Julian Andrew Hudson and Evan Clay Hudson.

NOW THEREFORE, do we, Mayor Merle S. Gorden and Council of the City of Beachwood, Ohio, hereby proclaim *Saturday, October 15, 2016 as* ***"Claybron O. Wisham Day"*** in the City of Beachwood.

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF Beachwood SEAL

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Beachwood, State of Ohio, on the date set forth above.

Merle S. Gorden

Merle S. Gorden, Mayor

Justin Berns Martin Horwitz Alec Isaacson Melvin Jacobs Barbara Bellin Janowitz Brian Linick James Pasch