



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
Recognizing Historic Oakwood
Cemetery's 150th Anniversary**

WHEREAS, Historic Oakwood Cemetery was chartered by the State of North Carolina on February 26, 1869, making it Raleigh's oldest, non-profit cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Historic Oakwood Cemetery has grown over the past 150 years to include 72 acres and more than 25,000 North Carolinians from all races, faiths and walks of life. They include seven governors, countless U.S. Senators and Congressmen, numerous state and local legislators, artists, dignitaries, trailblazers, and most importantly, members of the community who are known and loved by their families and friends; and

WHEREAS, Historic Oakwood Cemetery is considered a leader in the Southeastern United States for its impressive Victorian monuments and modern works of art throughout the grounds. Oakwood Cemetery is also the home to more than 900 trees and serves as a National Wildlife Habitat for animals such as deer, foxes and groundhogs; and

WHEREAS, Historic Oakwood Cemetery welcomes visitors 365 days a year to walk through this sacred space only blocks from downtown Raleigh; and

WHEREAS, Historic Oakwood Cemetery and its field of honor receives veterans of all military services, especially since Raleigh National Cemetery has reached its capacity; and

WHEREAS, Historic Oakwood Cemetery will continue to serve Raleigh families for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Wake County Board of Commissioners honors Historic Oakwood Cemetery's 150th anniversary and invites the board to attend its celebratory event on October 20.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of October 2019.

Jessica N. Holmes, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners