

RESOLUTION No. 2019-

**RELATIVE TO HONORING WILLIAMSON FUNERAL HOME**

BY:

Council Chairman Andrew Touma  
Councilman Ezra P. Scott, Jr.  
Councilman Kenny Tompkins

**WHEREAS, Theodore Williamson** worked at the old Union Carbide plant and he opened a business cleaning the bathrooms along Old Falls Street. It took him 15 years to save up enough money to open Williamson Funeral Home; and

**WHEREAS, Theodore Williamson** opened the funeral home in 1960 on 10<sup>th</sup> Street near the former Nabisco plant with **Michael Williamson's** grandfather, **Joseph Williamson Sr.** ; and

**WHEREAS,** The treatment of African-Americans in an era when some funeral homes wouldn't take them as customers, was what drove **Theodore Williamson** to open his own funeral home; and

**WHEREAS, Theodore Williamson** was born December 03, 1923 until his death on June 24, 2010; and

**WHEREAS, Michael Williamson** is the third generation to run Williamson Funeral Home in Niagara Falls, NY where his father, Theodore, moved to Niagara Falls at age 4 from South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS, Michael Williamson** came home to Niagara Falls to continue the funeral home business started by his father and grandfather more than half a century ago; and

**WHEREAS, Michael Williamson** has been involved with the family business since the age of 12. Now 60 years old, he and three employees continue his father's legacy; and

**WHEREAS, Michael Williamson** joined his father in 1980. In 1977 the business was moved to Main Street. Michael then took over in 1992 and worked side-by-side with his father; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this City Council does hereby honor Williamson Funeral Home for serving the residents of Niagara Falls and surrounding areas.

Kennedy \_\_\_\_\_ Scott \_\_\_\_\_ Tompkins \_\_\_\_\_ Voccio \_\_\_\_\_ Touma \_\_\_\_\_