

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-437**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that Dr. Eurydice Osterman will retire from Oakwood University after 35 years of dedicated service, with a celebration to be held at the Oakwood University Church on July 10, 2016; and,

**WHEREAS**, Eurydice V. Osterman is a published author and composer whose works have been read and performed around the world, including Composer's Voice Fifteen Minutes of Fame. A listing of her works is cited in the book, Music by Black Women Composers: A Bibliography of Available Scores, by Helen Walker-Hill, CBRM Monographs, No.5, 1995. She is also the featured composer in the dissertation on Angelique Clay, "The Life and Music of Eurydice V. Osterman." She is a Fulbright Scholar, and is the author of the book, What God Says About Music. She is also an accomplished organist; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Osterman earned both the Bachelor and Master of Music Degrees from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan in Music Education, and the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Composition from The University of Alabama, studying with the late Harry Phillips. She has served as Professor of Music (and former Chair) from Oakwood University from 1978-2009, and 2012 to the present. From 2009-2012, she served as chair of the Department of Music at Northern Caribbean University in Jamaica; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Osterman has conducted music seminars throughout the United States, Europe, the Caribbean, South America, and Africa. She is the recipient of many awards and holds membership in several professional organizations, including Phi Kappa Lambda, a national honor society; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Osterman is very involved with her community and serves in the Huntsville Community Watch Association as Coordinator for the Farmington Community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, do hereby acknowledge, congratulate, and extend best wishes to Dr. Eurydice Osterman on her retirement from Oakwood University after 35 years of dedicated service. May you have continued success in all future endeavors.

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**ADOPTED** this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2016.

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President of the City Council of the  
City of Huntsville, Alabama

**APPROVED** this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2016.

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Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama