

CITY COUNCIL**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE March 17, 2020NUMBER 135-2020**TITLE:****A RESOLUTION HONORING MY'CHAL WILKINS.
(Sponsored by Council Member Donna K. Williams)**

WHEREAS, service and giving back to others have always been central to **My'chal Wilkins'** life. He credits this to his grandparents—some of his earliest memories are of them welcoming family, friends and people with nowhere else to go into their home in Orange, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, **My'chal Wilkins** has worked for Audible for approximately eight years and he has brought he spirt of service and giving back to Audible. He leads a Customer Care team of 17 people and makes a concerted effort to coach and development his colleagues. He also brings this passion for leading to a packed life outside the office, too. **My'chal Wilkins** mentors youth at his church, runs a nonprofit and is an active member of his local NAACP and International Youth Organization chapters. If that weren't enough to keep him busy, he is also a musician—he plays the organ, drums and piano—and is planning to study project management at Rutgers Business School and become a court-appointed advocate for foster children in Newark; and

WHEREAS, rather than tucking this side of himself and his community activities away while at work, **My'chal Wilkins** feels good about working at an organization that shares his values, with colleagues and leaders who are supportive of his endeavors. He's active in Audible's Hire Local community initiative, helping to identify and cultivate local job seekers; and

WHEREAS, **My'chal Wilkins** says it was Audible that inspired him to take the leap and officially establish his nonprofit, B2M. Noticing a lack of positive male role models in the lives of the young men he met through various volunteer projects, he dreamed of creating a program to provide boys of all ages with mentorship and support. Volunteering on behalf of Audible's Project Listen Up, which provided Newark public high school students and their teachers with a free year of Audible membership, a bundle of 160+ educator-selected audiobooks, a set of headphones and an Amazon Fire tablet, lit a spark in him; and

WHEREAS, **My'chal Wilkins** formally founded B2M, or Boys 2 Men, in April 2018. Working in three Plainfield, New Jersey, schools once a week and holding bimonthly events in Newark, he and nine other volunteers work with around 100 boys and young men. Talking with parents and schools to address each mentee's needs, B2M creates a trusted space to talk, teaches career development skills and organizes volunteer activities for the participants. Though the boys range in age from 5 to 17, they deal with adult issues, from mental health to homelessness and hunger.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Orange Township hereby praises and commends **My'chal Wilkins** on his efforts to help the community and wishes him well on making a continued and greater impact on the youth through B2M.

*Veronica Perchman on behalf of
the City Attorney*
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Adopted:

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