

CITY COUNCIL**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE June 16, 2019NUMBER 263-2020**TITLE:**
A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY.
(Sponsored by Councilwoman Donna K. Williams)

WHEREAS, the United States and Canada celebrate Father's Day every year on the third Sunday in June. Many countries also celebrate fathers on this day, while others do it at different times throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the first Father's Day was on June 19, 1910 in Washington. Mrs. John B. Dodd proposed the holiday because she wanted a way to honor her father, a widower who had raised six children. Towns and cities in other states began to celebrate a day for fathers; and

WHEREAS, a National Father's Day Committee was formed in 1926; and

WHEREAS, in 1956, Father's Day was recognized by Congress in a Joint Resolution and in 1972, President Richard Nixon established Father's Day as a national holiday to be celebrated on the third Sunday in June; and

WHEREAS, blessed with the extraordinary privilege and remarkable responsibility of fatherhood, dads play vital roles in our lives -- inspiring us to reach for our highest potential, lifting us up when we need it most, and helping us become the people we were meant to be. Doing right by our families is the most important job any of us will ever have. On Father's Day, we thank the wonderful fathers -- and stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, and mentors -- in our lives, and we recognize the sacrifices they make to be there for us, through good times and bad; and

WHEREAS, fathers provide the discipline, guidance, and love it takes to flourish. With persistence and patience, generosity and integrity, they build our cores and help us understand right from wrong. They are some of our earliest and strongest sources of support and encouragement, and they serve as role models and sounding boards in our youth and as we grow. From single fathers who struggle to make ends meet to surrogates who step up to be there for America's daughters and sons, these men help shoulder the greatest obligation that exists -- raising the next generation. Regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status; whether biological, foster, or adoptive; fathers teach their children the values that matter most and steer their moral compasses; and

WHEREAS, we must promote responsible fatherhood by lifting up the fathers who do their part to be the parents and providers their children need and by rejecting any excuse for failing to meet this obligation. Too many Americans grow up without a father figure in their lives, and it is imperative that America's responsible men step up to be mentors for our young people in need of guidance; and

WHEREAS, being a father is about more than just having children -- it is about summoning the courage to love and support them over anything else. We must always strive to be the best parents and role models we can be and commit to being present in the lives of our kids. Nothing is more precious than the moments we get to spend with our families -- in conversations at the dinner table, coaching tips shouted from the sidelines, or profound experiences of learning and growing and teaching. Today, let us express our gratitude for the men who have enriched our lives and shaped our characters, and let us never stop working to show them how much they are valued and loved; and

WHEREAS, during the ongoing global pandemic, even despite negative impacts, families are regaining more traditional family time; and

WHEREAS, while all lives matter, we collectively have a broader and renewed sense that BLACK LIVES MATTER and we honor our fathers, brothers, nephews and uncles. On June 21, 2020, we pause to say we appreciate you.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Orange Township hereby celebrates Father's Day and the many contributions that fathers make on a daily basis. The City Council of the City of Orange Township encourages the citizens of the City of Orange Township to observe Father's Day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Adopted:

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City Clerk

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