

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

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TITLE: **A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING MAIN STREET BEGINNING AT DAY STREET AND ENDING AT PARK STREET AS BLACK LIVES MATTER PLAZA-IN HONORARIUM (Sponsored by Council Member-At-Large Adrienne Wooten & South Ward Councilmember Jamie Summers-Johnson)**

WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter was founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin’s murderer, who strives to combat and counter acts of violence, creating space for Black imagination, and

WHEREAS, systemic racism has a negative impact on Black lives, and

WHEREAS, this is a turning point in history that should forever be memorialized in the City of Orange Township, and

WHEREAS, every day Black Lives Matter the organization recommit to healing each other, and to co-creating alongside comrades, allies, and family a culture where each person feels seen, heard, supported, and

WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter acknowledge, respect, and celebrate differences and commonalities, and

WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter work vigorously for freedom and justice for Black people and, by extension, all people, and

WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter intentionally build and nurture a beloved community that is bonded together through a beautiful struggle that is restorative, not depleting, and

WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter are guided by the fact that all Black lives matter, regardless of actual or perceived sexual identity, gender identity, gender expression, economic status, ability, disability, religious beliefs or disbeliefs, immigration status, or location, and

WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter make space for transgender brothers and sisters to participate and lead, and

WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter is self-reflexive and do the work required to dismantle cisgender privilege and uplift Black trans folk, especially Black trans women who continue to be disproportionately impacted by trans-antagonistic violence, and

WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter build a space that affirms Black women and is free from sexism, misogyny, and environments in which men are centered.

WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter practice empathy. Black Lives Matter engage comrades with the intent to learn about and connect with their contexts, and

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WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter make our spaces family-friendly and enable parents to fully participate with their children. We dismantle the patriarchal practice that requires mothers to work “double shifts” so that they can mother in private even as they participate in public justice work, and

WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and “villages” that collectively care for one another, especially our children, to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable, and

WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter foster a queer-affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking, or rather, the belief that all in the world are heterosexual (unless s/he or they disclose otherwise), and

WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter cultivate an intergenerational and communal network free from ageism. We believe that all people, regardless of age, show up with the capacity to lead and learn, and

WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter embody and practice justice, liberation, and peace in our engagements with one another.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Orange Township that a street sign stating **BLACK LIVES MATTER PLAZA IN HONORARIUM**: be placed above the Main Street and North Day Street and the Main Street and Park Street.

Adopted:

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley
Council President