

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

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TITLE:

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY DAY IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP (Submitted by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten and South Ward Councilmember Jamie Summers-Johnson) and the Municipal Council

WHEREAS, riding horseback from state to state in 1914, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, sought endorsement from 24 states to support a national day recognizing and honoring Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, he presented these endorsements to the White House the following year; and

WHEREAS, at the time, the U.S. government didn't proclaim a national day; and

WHEREAS, however, the state of New York declared the second Saturday in May as American Indian Day; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, the 99th Congress passed a joint resolution authorizing the President to proclaim November 23-30, 1986, as American Indian Week; and

WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan declared the first American Indian week that year and each year following his presidency; and

WHEREAS, President George H.W. Bush continued the proclamations until 1990, when he approved a joint resolution to declare November as National American Indian Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, this tradition has continued annually; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the Native American Heritage Day Act was enacted by Congress and signed by President George W. Bush on October 8, 2008.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township do hereby recognize and honor Native American Heritage Day in the City of Orange Township.

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Adopted: October 18, 2022

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

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Council President
