

CITY COUNCIL**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE December 20, 2022NUMBER 492-2022

TITLE: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 18, 2022 TO DECEMBER 26, 2022 AS CHANUKAH IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO TAKE COGNIZANCE OF THIS EVENT AND PARTICIPATE FITTINGLY IN ITS OBSRVANCE. (Submitted by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten and the Orange Municipal Council)

WHEREAS, Religious diversity and freedom to exercise religion are an important part of the City of Orange Township's history; and

WHEREAS, the Festival of Chanukah is being celebrated throughout the world on December 18, 2022 to December 26, 2022, to commemorate the victory of a small, greatly outnumbered army that prevailed against the forces of religious persecution; and

WHEREAS, a great miracle followed this victory when a small jar of oil meant to last for only a single day kept the Menorah lit for eight days, bringing joy to all who had fought for the right to teach and worship freely; and

WHEREAS, this miracle of light is preserved by the Jewish community everywhere through the lighting of the Menorah symbolizing the ideals of religious freedom and offering a beacon of hope to all those who are still subjected to spiritual oppression; and

WHEREAS, during Chanukah, we wish our Jewish residents good will and happiness in the year ahead,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township do recognize December 18, 2022 to December 26, 2022 as Chanukah in the City of Orange Township and urge all citizens to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Adopted: December 20, 2022

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

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Council President