

CITY COUNCIL**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE January 17, 2023NUMBER 25-2023

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2023 AS NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
(Submitted by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)**

WHEREAS, Carter Woodson, the twentieth-century historian, created Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, he believed Black Americans were not adequately represented in the study of American history; and

WHEREAS, Carter Woodson also hoped for the day when Americans would accept Black history as a part of American history; and

WHEREAS, President Gerald Ford declared Black History Month (formerly Negro History Week) in 1976; and

WHEREAS, America's greatness is a testament to generations of courageous individuals who, in the face of uncomfortable truths, accepted that the work of perfecting our Nation is unending and strived to expand the reach of freedom to all; and

WHEREAS, for too long, our most basic liberties had been denied to African Americans, and today, we pay tribute to countless good-hearted citizens -- along the Underground Railroad, aboard a bus in Alabama, and all across our country -- who stood up and sat in to help right the wrongs of our past and extend the promise of America to all our people; and

WHEREAS, during National African American History Month, we recognize these champions of justice and the sacrifices they made to bring us to this point, we honor the contributions of African Americans since our country's beginning, and we recommit to reaching for a day when no person is judged by anything but the content of their character.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township recognize February 2023 as National Black History Month in the City of Orange Township.

Adopted: January 17, 2023

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

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Council President