

**CITY COUNCIL****The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE January 17, 2023NUMBER 49-2023**TITLE: A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF COUNCILMAN DONALD PAGE.**  
(Sponsored by the Orange Municipal Council).

**WHEREAS**, the City of Orange Township, New Jersey mourns the passing of **Councilman Donald Page**; and

**WHEREAS**, we come together during this time of sadness to pay tribute to and celebrate the life of **Councilman Donald Page** who was a vital and central force in his family and valued member of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, **Councilman Donald Page** was born on February 25, 1941 to Albert Page Sr. and Bessie Mae Eaton-Page, in Accoville, West Virginia. He was the eleventh of twelve children. His family migrated to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and later established a permanent residence in Detroit, Michigan in 1947; and

**WHEREAS**, **Councilman Donald Page** was educated in the Detroit Public School System, where he graduated with honors from Northeastern High School. Shortly thereafter, he enlisted in the United States Army, where he successfully completed his full term serving his country before being honorably discharged; and

**WHEREAS**, after residing in Detroit for several years, **Councilman Donald Page** decided to pursue his career and fortunes elsewhere and relocated to East Orange, New Jersey with his wife Donna Page. He quickly obtained employment with the City of Newark Police Department, where he worked for many years as an Assistant Chief Identification Officer and subsequently became an Urban Initiative Coordinator for Essex County; and

**WHEREAS**, after the transition of his wife and newborn son, **Councilman Donald Page** relocated to Orange, New Jersey where he planted his roots and became largely invested in his community. Never one to be content with the status quo, he ran and was elected North Ward Councilman for the City of Orange for two consecutive terms. He was an upstart champion and valued his independence; and

**WHEREAS**, after 23 years as a resident, in 2008, **Councilman Donald Page** announced his candidacy for Mayor of the City of Orange. His platform was to undertake street crime and drugs to establish a better quality of life for every citizen in Orange. In one of the more competitive and dynamic contests in recent Orange political history, he narrowly lost his bid for Mayor, but he continued to fight for the residents of his adopted hometown; and

**WHEREAS**, without a doubt, **Councilman Donald Page** cherished life and loved to entertain his family and friends. He was an extravagant giver, found pleasure in cooking and enjoyed welcoming people into his home, or, backyard for great parties. His social gatherings always included elected officials, neighbors and friends. He was selfless and made sure everyone had a great time; and

**WHEREAS, Councilman Donald Page** entered into eternal life on December 28, 2022; and

**WHEREAS, Councilman Donald Page** was preceded in death by his lovely Donna Page, his son Donald, Jr., and several siblings. He is survived by his: siblings, Richard Page, Mary Forrest, and Daisy Edwards; and a host of nieces, nephews, and devoted friends.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Orange Township do hereby offer sincere condolences to the family of **Councilman Donald Page**. May the warm memories bring joy and comfort in the days ahead.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council urges residents, following the passage of this Resolution to do random acts of kindness towards other in the memory of **Councilman Donald Page**

**Adopted:      January 17, 2023**

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**Joyce L. Lanier**  
City Clerk

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**Tency A. Eason**  
Council President