

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE March 7, 2023

NUMBER 114-2023

TITLE:

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING EMIRLENE PHILEMON AS A PHENOMENAL WOMAN DURING WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP. (Sponsored by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten & South Ward Councilmember Jamie Summers-Johnson).

WHEREAS, Emirlene Philemon was born in Newark, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Emirlene Philemon was raised in the City of Orange Township; and

WHEREAS, Emirlene Philemon attended the following schools grade 1st through 6th: St. Johns School, Central School, and Heywood Avenue School; and

WHEREAS, Emirlene Philemon went on to complete school in the City of Orange Public School District, she attended and completed Orange Middle School and Orange High School; and

WHEREAS, as a youth, Emirlene Philemon entered beauty pageants, fashion shows, participated with the Marching Majestics Drill team, the Drum Corp., and cheered for the City of Orange Township Recreation Department and Orange High School; and

WHEREAS, Emirlene Philemon launched a non-profit called *Change of Life*; and

WHEREAS, the mission statement for Change of Life is “No matter your past, no matter where you came from or how you started, you can always change your life. A change of life, a new purpose”; and

WHEREAS, *Change of Life* has partnered with various organizations such as Treasure Island, Not Orange, Inc., and Clarity, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, *Change of Life* has co-sponsored trunk or treats, food drives, school supply drives where supplies were sent to her homeland Haiti; and

WHEREAS, Emirlene Philemon became a coach in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Emirlene Philemon became known as Coach Emme; and

WHEREAS, Coach Emme coached for Orange Recreation Department for 2 seasons; and

WHEREAS, Coach Emme coached for the Orange Bengals no less than six seasons; and

WHEREAS, Coach Emme is committed to making the youth of the City of Orange Township have a voice and they have programs that contribute to a successful future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Emirlene Philemon, also known as Coach Emme, is recognized as a Phenomenal Woman during Women’s History Month in the City of Orange Township.

Adopted: March 7, 2023

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

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Council President