

CITY COUNCIL**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE March 21, 2023NUMBER 139-2023

TITLE: A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN'S MARKET AND COMMENDING THE MODUGNO FAMILY AND STAFF FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO PROVIDING EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. (Sponsored by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten, South Ward Jamie Summers-Johnson and the Orange Municipal Council.)

WHEREAS, John's Market was established in the City of Orange Township in 1923 as a grocery store and Italian delicatessen by John and Mildred (Millie) Modugno; and

WHEREAS, over the past century, John's Market has become a beloved institution in the community, offering quality products, exceptional service, camaraderie and a slice of history; and

WHEREAS, John's Market has provided local and state-wide residents with fresh produce, home cooked meals, catering services and other delicacies; and

WHEREAS, John's Market was established to serve as a "lamp beside the golden door" for the "huddled masses" of Italian immigrants "yearning to breathe free" who migrated to the City of Orange Township and became Americans; and

WHEREAS, 100 years later it stands as a beacon for the entire community regardless of the shores from which its guests arrived. In fact, John and Millie's motto for the business was "No one should leave hungry". That motto drove them to extend credit to their guests and even feed them complimentary meals; and

WHEREAS, upon retirement in the late '80s, John passed the legacy of the institution to his son Pelligrino (Paul) who was born on September 20, 1935 and married to his wife Angela in 1958. Their union produced Paula, Lorie, Paul, and John; and

WHEREAS, Paul adjusted with the times and the growth of the community to develop the business into a small restaurant and deli where he serves fresh "homemade" food daily prepared by himself and his outstanding employees; and

WHEREAS, Paul has managed to make "Johns Market" a local place for many Orange residents and to serve as the meeting place for old buddies to socialize, bring back memories and most of all enjoy good food and the juice of fermented grapes; and

WHEREAS, the business is approaching its 100th anniversary and it will always be remembered as the place where "Everyone Was Family"; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of John and Mildred Modugno lives on in the dedication and hard work of their family and staff, who continue to uphold the values and principles that have made John's Market a fixture in the City of Orange Township.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township do recognize and celebrate the 100-year anniversary of John's Market, and

commends the Modugno family and staff for their dedication to providing exceptional service, and giving back to the community. We congratulate them on this momentous milestone and wish them continued success in the years to come.

Adopted: March 21, 2023

Joyce Lanier
City Clerk

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Council President