

CITY COUNCIL**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE April 4, 2023NUMBER 158-2023

TITLE: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 9, 2023 AS NATIONAL FORMER PRISONER OF WAR RECOGNITION DAY IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP. (Sponsored by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)

WHEREAS, Under the flag of the United States, generations of women and men, united in a common cause greater than themselves, have served to defend the ideals that bind us together as a Nation and that preserve our country as a beacon of hope and freedom around the world; and

WHEREAS, on National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day, we salute the selfless service members throughout our history who gave of their own liberty to ensure ours, and we renew our commitment to remaining a Nation worthy of their extraordinary sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, in wars and engagements since America's founding, brave patriots have experienced indescribable suffering as prisoners of war; and

WHEREAS, often physically and mentally tortured, starved, and put through the worst most of us could imagine, these heroes are owed a debt we can never fully repay, and their families -- who exhibited tremendous fortitude in the face of grueling uncertainty -- are worthy of our profound gratitude; and

WHEREAS, the values of honor, courage, and selflessness that drive our Armed Forces are particularly acute in those who have been taken as prisoners of war, sustaining them through days, weeks, and sometimes years of profound hardship endured for the sake of securing the blessings of liberty for all; and

WHEREAS, America's former prisoners of war -- and all who don our uniform to keep us safe -- have helped make our Nation the strongest and most prosperous in the history of the world; and

WHEREAS, our eternal obligation is to care for them and uphold our everlasting promise to never leave our men and women on the battlefield behind; and

WHEREAS, let us reaffirm our adherence to these ideals and honor our former prisoners of war by paying them the gratitude and respect they deserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township do recognize April 9, 2023 as National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day. We call upon all Citizens of the City of Orange Township to observe this day of remembrance by honoring all Citizens of the City of Orange Township prisoners of war, our service members, and our veterans.

Adopted: April 4, 2023

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City Clerk

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