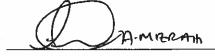
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CITY COUNCIL	The City of Orange Township, New
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	NIZING JUNE 2023 AS AFRICAN-AMERICAN MONTH IN THE CITY (Sponsored by Irienne Wooten)
WHEREAS, on June 7, 1979, President Jimmy Carter decreed June to be Black Music Month. Each year since Americans have celebrated the iconic music loved by generations; and	
WHEREAS, since 1979, the United States has set aside the month of June to appreciate the musical contributions of its African-American musicians, composers, singers, and songwriters; and	
WHEREAS, inspired to celebrate an enduring art form, Kenny Gamble, Ed Wright, and Dyana Williams pursued creating Black Music Month; and	
WHEREAS, their efforts were backed up by generations of artists whose talents and skill built a foundation of musical ingenuity in America; and	
WHEREAS, historically rooted in rich African traditions and the conflicted slave trade, black folk music provided the soil for jazz to grow; and	
WHEREAS, other sounds began to join the chorus; and	
WHEREAS, from rhythm and blues to barbershop and swing, the artists responded to every era with a fresh wave of inspiration and visionary sound; and	
WHEREAS, music has the power to lift and	our spirits, comfort our souls, and inspire our hearts;
WHEREAS, it gives a voice to the hu people and breaks down barriers; and	man spirit, creating a common language that unites
WHEREAS, no music has had as prof musical score as Black music; and	ound and powerful an impact in shaping America's
WHEREAS, the music is intricately veniches our lives and pushes the boundary	woven into the tapestry of our Nation, Black music aries of creativity.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township does celebrate June 2023 as African American Appreciation Month in the City.	
Adopted: May 16, 2023	

Tency A. Eason **Council President**



Joyce Lanier City Clerk