

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE May 16, 2023

NUMBER 223-2023

TITLE: **A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING AND RECOGNIZING JUNE 2023 AS NATIONAL CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP** (Submitted by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten & South Ward Councilmember Jamie Summers-Johnson)

WHEREAS, in June 2005, the House of Representatives unanimously adopted H. Con. Res. 71, sponsored by Congresswoman Barbara Lee, recognizing the significance of Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2006, the resolution similarly passed the Senate, culminating a two-year, bipartisan and bicameral effort; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 President George W. Bush declared June as National Caribbean-American Heritage Month to recognize the significant contributions Caribbean-Americans to the United States throughout history; and

WHEREAS, since the declaration, the White House has issued an annual proclamation recognizing June as Caribbean-American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, the campaign to designate June as National Caribbean American Heritage Month was spearheaded by Dr. Claire Nelson, Founder, and President of the Institute of Caribbean Studies; and

WHEREAS, through the commemoration of this month, we hope to ensure that the City of Orange Township is reminded that its greatness lies in its diversity, with Caribbean immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Caribbean American immigrants and residents of Caribbean U.S. territories are a vibrant part of the American melting pot; and

WHEREAS, they have a long tradition of contributing to our communities and serving their country.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township do celebrate and recognize June 2023 as National Caribbean American Heritage Month in the City of Orange Township.

Adopted: May 16, 2023

Joyce Lanier
City Clerk

Tency A. Eason
Council President



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