

**CITY COUNCIL**

**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**

**DATE** April 4, 2023

**NUMBER** 177-2023

**TITLE:** **A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING McCHESNEY STREET BEGINNING AT SCOTLAND ROAD AND ENDING AT VALLEY STREET AS LORRAINE E. HAWTHORNE WAY-IN HONORIAM.**  
**(Sponsored by South Ward Councilmember Jamie Summers-Johnson, Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten & Councilmember-At-Large Weldon Montague, III)**

**WHEREAS,** Lorraine E. Hawthorne is a trailblazer who has left an indelible mark in the City of Orange Township; and

**WHEREAS,** Lorraine E. Hawthorne was born and raised in the City of Orange Township, attended Forest Street School, Tremont Avenue School, and Orange High School, which distinguished her one individual from another; and

**WHEREAS,** following her graduation from Orange High School, Lorraine E. Hawthorne went on to obtain her Associate's Degree in Educational Administration from Essex County Community College; and

**WHEREAS,** Lorraine E. Hawthorne's cultural and historical contributions to the City of Orange Township are as follows: she served as the first black female truancy officer and supervisor for the Orange Public School District for 36 years. She has the distinction of being the first black woman to integrate the Orange Board of Education in the 1960's; and

**WHEREAS,** Lorraine E. Hawthorne service to the community included serving on the vestry board at Church of the Epiphany for ten years, as a commissioner for the Orange Housing Authority for six years, and as an active member of the Parent Teacher Association until her retirement. She also was a driving force behind the election of the first black Mayor of Orange, the late Honorable Robert L. Brown, Esq.; and

**WHEREAS,** in her prime, Lorraine E. Hawthorne enjoyed traveling the world, gardening, partying with friends and spending quality time with her family. She is the mother of two daughters, grandmother of critically acclaimed author-playwright Tash Hawthorne and great-grandmother of Tash's two sons who are the loves of her life. They are all proud products of the Orange Public School District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township do designate McChesney street beginning at Scotland Road ending at Valley Street as "LORRAINE E. HAWTHORNE WAY- IN HONORIAM". to recognize and honor Lorraine E. Hawthorne for her many years of service and devotion in the City of Orange Township.

**Adopted:**

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**Joyce L. Lanier**  
**City Clerk**

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**Tency A. Eason**  
**Council President**