

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE September 5, 2023

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TITLE: **A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP.** (Sponsored by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)

WHEREAS, in the United States, the third Friday in September honors National POW/MIA Recognition Day; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1989, a presidential proclamation brings the nation together to remember and honor the members of the Armed Forces who remain missing in action or are prisoners of war; and

WHEREAS, the day serves as a call to action, reminding the nation to rededicate our efforts; and

WHEREAS, we are responsible for bringing our patriots home and for caring for our military families awaiting word of their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, for centuries, courageous members of our Armed Forces have embodied the best of America with devotion and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, on National POW/MIA Recognition Day, we pause to remember our servicemen and women who never returned home; and

WHEREAS, the hardship experienced by prisoners of war and by the family members of those who have gone missing in action is unimaginable to most Americans; it is our country's solemn obligation to bring these heroes back to the land they served to defend, and to support the families who, each day, carry on without knowing the peace of being reunited with their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of our Armed Forces face unthinkable conditions and bear the painful cost of war; and

WHEREAS, on the third Friday in September, the stark black and white banner symbolizing America's Missing in Action and Prisoners of War will be flown over the Town Hall in the City of Orange Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township do recognize the third Friday in September of 2023, as National POW/MIA Recognition Day. We urge all Citizens of the City of Orange Township to observe this day of honor and remembrance with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Adopted: September 5, 2023

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

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Council President