

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE October 3, 2023

NUMBER 392-2023

TITLE: **A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF FORMER WEST WARD COUNCILMEMBER MARIA VANDERMEER.**
(Sponsored by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten & the Orange Municipal Council)

WHEREAS, Maria Vandermeer was a lifelong resident of Orange, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, prior to her retirement, Maria served as Council President for the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Maria Vandermeer was a progressive woman, insisting that women belonged in leadership. She accepted responsibility, looked for the best in others and focused on solutions. She asked the right questions, she listened, and was able to adapt to concerns of the West Ward residents of the City of Orange Township; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Maria Vandermeer served faithfully on the committee for the Italian American Festival, a signature event for the City of Orange Township; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Maria Vandermeer was a member of the ABC Board Commission in the City of Orange Township where she was respected for fairness and diligence; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Maria Vandermeer was a trusted and wise liaison to the Fire and Police Departments in the City of Orange Township; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Maria Vandermeer was a lifelong parishioner of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in the City of Orange Township; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Maria Vandermeer was an entrepreneur as she owned the North Jersey Excavation Company, Sugar and Spice, and Algarve; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Maria Vandermeer transition on September 14, 2023. She was predeceased by her parents, Thomas and Loretta Piro, and her father-in-law, Frederick Vandermeer, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Maria Vandermeer was survived by her beloved husband, Frederick Vandermeer, Jr., loving mother-in-law, Mary Ann Vandermeer, dear brothers, Carmen and Guy Piro, brothers-in-law, Carl James and Kurt Vandermeer, five nieces, eight nephews and a host of extended relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2023 Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Esq. proclaimed and named that day as **COUNCILMEMBER MARIA VANDERMEER DAY** in the City of Orange Township.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township celebrates the life of West Ward Councilmember Maria Vandermeer.

Adopted: October 3, 2023

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Tency A. Eason
Council President

Adrienne Wooten