

**CITY COUNCIL**

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

**DATE** October 17, 2023

**NUMBER** 416-2023

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION NAMING NOVEMBER 4, 2023 AS HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (HBCU) DAY IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP (Submitted by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)**

**WHEREAS**, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) help prepare their students to excel in every profession, and they foster transformative movements for greater justice and equality in our democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, HBCUs have produced 40 percent of all Black Engineers and 50 percent of all Black Lawyers in America; and

**WHEREAS**, 70% of Black Doctors in our country attended an HBCU, and 80 percent of Black Judges are alumni of these school; and

**WHEREAS**, from the Fisk Jubilee Singers who performed for Queen Victoria to the female mathematicians who offered critical intelligence to NASA's first human space flights, to the brilliant legal scholars who helped dismantle structural segregation, and so many of the giants of the Civil Rights movement who dedicated their lives to lifting up the rights and dignity of all Americans, HBCUs have empowered graduates to form America's cultural identity, write our national story, and safeguard this country's most fundamental values; and

**WHEREAS**, our historic Vice President Kamala Harris is a HBCU graduate, as well as Michael Regan, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, we celebrate HBCUs for helping to make this country stronger and more inclusive, and we continue to champion and reinforce the ongoing achievements of these institutions — because we know that when they succeed, the City of Orange Township succeeds, New Jersey succeeds, America succeeds and the world succeeds.

**WHEREAS**, we will recognize November 4, 2023 as HBCU day in the City of Orange Township.

**WHEREAS**, HBCU day we will celebrate HBCUs for their longstanding legacy of molding trailblazers, visionaries, and public servants; for enabling students to make immense contributions to this country as Black professionals and tradespeople; and for bringing us closer to the promise of an America for all American; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township recognize November 4, 2023 as HBCU day in the City of Orange Township.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we ask the citizens to acknowledge and celebrate this day.

**Adopted:** October 17, 2023

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**Joyce L. Lanier**  
City Clerk

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Council President

  
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