

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

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**TITLE: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL YOUTH JUSTICE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP
(Submitted by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)**

The essential promise that we make to our young people -- that where they start must not determine how far they can go -- is part of what makes America exceptional.

WHEREAS, it is our shared responsibility to ensure all children are given a fair shot at life, including a quality education and equal opportunities to pursue their dreams; and

WHEREAS, young people sometimes are not afforded a second chance after having made a mistake or poor decision -- the kind of chance some of their peers receive under more forgiving environments; and

WHEREAS, many of these young people lack support and sometimes live in distressed communities; and

WHEREAS, others may have experienced trauma and violence or may struggle with disabilities, mental health issues, or substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, as a society, we must strive to reach these children earlier in life and modernize our juvenile and criminal justice systems to hold youth accountable for their actions without consigning them to a life on the margins; and

WHEREAS, during National Youth Justice Awareness Month, we reaffirm our commitment to helping children of every background become successful and engaged citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township does recognize October 2023 as Youth Justice Awareness Month in the City of Orange Township.

Adopted: October 17, 2023

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