

**CITY COUNCIL**

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

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**TITLE: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2023 AS ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP  
(Submitted by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)**

**WHEREAS**, throughout history, the arts and humanities have been at the forefront of progress; and

**WHEREAS**, arts and humanities can be defined as related fields of study that explore the human condition and expression; and

**WHEREAS**, arts include visual art, music, theatre, dance, literature and cinema, among other art forms, that involve the act of creation and performance; and

**WHEREAS**, humanities include the study of general and classical subjects that offer insight into the human experience through research and critical analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, arts are the subset of humanities, and both develop skills in logic, reasoning, and communication; and

**WHEREAS**, in diverse mediums and method, whether through the themes of a novel, the movement of a dancer, or a monologue on a stage, the arts enrich our souls, inspire us to chase our dreams, and challenge us to see things through a different lens; and

**WHEREAS**, during Arts and Humanities Month, we celebrate the important role the arts and humanities have played in shaping the City of Orange Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Orange Township has had many citizens who participated in the fields of Arts and Humanities; and

**WHEREAS**, the following list of artist and humanitarians from the City of Orange Township. Bisa Butler, fiber artist known for her quilted portraits and designs celebrating black life, Peter Cain, artist who is best known for his meticulously executed paintings and drawings of surreal and aberrant versions of automobiles, Ernest Trow Carter, organist and composer who won the Bispham Award, Steven A. Cohen academic who has taught public management and environmental policy at Columbia University since 1981, Brian E. Daley, professor of theology who received the Ratzinger Prize in 2012, Salamishah Tillet, feminist activist, scholar and writer who won The 2022 Pulitzer Prize Winner in Criticism For distinguished criticism, using any available journalistic tool, and Gail Fisher, actress best known for her role on the TV show Mannix to name a few; and

**WHEREAS**, our achievements as a society and a culture go hand-in-hand. The arts embody who we are as a people and have long helped drive the success of our city, state, country and world; and

**WHEREAS**, they provoke thought and encourage our citizenry to reach new heights in creativity and innovation; they lift up our identities, connecting what is most profound within us to our collective human experiences; and

  
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**WHEREAS**, in seeking to break down barriers and challenge our assumptions, we must continue promoting and prioritizing the arts and humanities, especially for our young people; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts and humanities are central to who we are as Orange Citizens as dreamers and storytellers, creators and visionaries; and

**WHEREAS**, be it through the pen of a poet, the voice of a singer, or the canvas of a painter, let us continue to harness the unparalleled ways the arts and humanities bring people together.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township does recognize October 2023 as Arts and Humanities Month in the City of Orange Township.

**Adopted: October 17, 2023**

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**Joyce L. Lanier**  
City Clerk

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**Tency A. Eason**  
Council President