

**CITY COUNCIL**

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

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**TITLE:**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 10, 2023 AS HUMAN RIGHTS DAY IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP**

**(Submitted by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)**

**WHEREAS**, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted on December 10, 1948. it set in motion a movement to secure liberty and justice for all people; and

**WHEREAS**, out of the ashes of the Second World War, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed that "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights."; and

**WHEREAS**, on Human Rights Day, we reflect on how far we have come in upholding these universal rights and resolve to continue fighting to safeguard them wherever they are threatened; and


**WHEREAS**, in the last few decades, our world has made great strides in advancing human rights and the institutions that protect them; and

**WHEREAS**, more countries have pursued self-government and democracy -- and more people are electing their leaders freely and fairly and holding their governments accountable through calls for increased transparency. Around the world, the United States has promoted freedom: We have worked to expand the protection of human rights, end gender-based violence, and defend the freedoms of expression, peaceful assembly, and the press; and

**WHEREAS**, in promoting these liberties and pushing back against tyranny, corruption, and oppression, we have recognized that universal human rights and fundamental freedoms do not stop at our borders; and

**WHEREAS**, they are the birthright of people everywhere; and

**WHEREAS**, history ultimately moves in the direction of justice and inclusion, but despite the great progress we have made, unprecedented and rapid change has posed great challenges; and

  
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**WHEREAS**, it is our collective duty to continue striving for a world where nobody is left behind, forgotten, or mistreated, and where all nations recognize that societies that draw on the contributions of every citizen are stronger; and

**WHEREAS**, far too many people around the world are still denied their human rights and fundamental freedoms, and we must work to end the discrimination that is too often felt by LGBT individuals, people with disabilities, immigrants, women and girls of all ages, and members of religious, ethnic, and other minorities; and

**WHEREAS**, we must strengthen our ongoing efforts to rid the world of violence, oppression, and hatred; and

**WHEREAS**, our relationships to one another -- person to person, nation to nation -- are defined not by our differences, but by our shared belief in the ideals enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and

**WHEREAS**, as we observe the anniversary of the affirmation that inalienable rights exist for every individual, we vow to ensure these rights are afforded to every person; and

**WHEREAS**, together, let us continue striving to stamp out all forms of injustice and promote dignity, humanity, and respect around the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council do resolve that December 10, 2023 is recognized as Human Rights Day in the City of Orange Township.

Adopted: November 8, 2023

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Joyce L. Lanier  
City Clerk

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Tency A. Eason  
Council President