

CITY COUNCIL**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE December 19, 2023NUMBER 497-2023**TITLE: A RESOLUTION HONORING DR. DANIEL DESRIVIERES.**
(Sponsored by Council Member Quantavia L. Hilbert and the Orange City Council)

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township ("Orange"), New Jersey joins family and friends to celebrate the life and achievements of **Dr. Daniel Desrivieres**; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Daniel Desrivieres**, will be awarded the 2023 E.C. Nurock lifetime achievement Award on December 13, 2023 by unanimous vote, from the New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians professional organization; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Daniel Desrivieres**, a Haitian-American Physician, graduated Cum Laude from Upsala College with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and French in the spring of 1981. He received his second Bachelor of Science in Biology and Vision Science from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in 1984, followed by his doctorate degree in Optometry in 1987; and

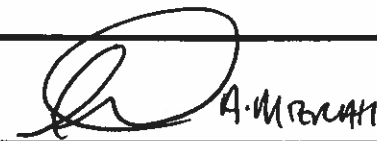
WHEREAS, **Dr. Daniel Desrivieres** is married to his loving wife Debbie and is the proud father of three boys; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Daniel Desrivieres** is an Optometrist and has run a private practice in the City of Orange Township at 32 North Day Street for over 20 years. He is an active member of the Orange Chamber of Commerce. He has provided medical care to the communities of Orange, Plainfield, and East Orange during his time with the Newark Community Health Center; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Daniel Desrivieres** returned to Haiti at the time of the devastating 2010 earthquake, and lead seven humanitarian missions with Non-Governmental Organizations such as Haiti Mission Service, Eyecare for Haiti, and Jewish Renaissance Foundation. He has performed at least 5,000 eye examinations and distributed about \$100,000 worth of diagnostic and therapeutic medications throughout the country. **Dr. Daniel Desrivieres** also contributed one thousand eyeglasses with the contributions from the Vision Service Plan, Essilor Eyewear, Millenium, Twenty First Century Eyewear, and members of the New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians, and the National Optometric Association; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Daniel Desrivieres** has served as President of the Essex County Optometric Society from 1994-1995, and contributed to the County Society's award as Society of the Year. In 2003, **Dr. Daniel Desrivieres** was also elected President of the New Jersey Society of Optometric Physician; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Daniel Desrivieres** served as Commissioner of Health in East Orange from 1992-1996, adjacent to his time dedicated to his role as member of the East Orange Board of Education from 1994-2000. He was an active leader in numerous committees, that displayed his passion for civic engagement and public service; and


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WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Desrivieres presided as the President and Vice President of the Essex County Educational Services Commission, where along side his fellow board members, he was instrumental in the creation of Sojourn High School at the Essex County Correctional Facility. He also promoted diversity and culture in education, when he successfully proposed and renamed the former Nassau School, to what is now known as the Ecole Toussaint Louverture, after the famous Haitian general; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel Desrivieres was President/ CEO at Radio Haiti International (“RHI”), a state of the art Haitian radio station with 24 hours live streaming on 88.9 SCA and 91.1 FM in Haiti. He was the host of “Your Health, Your Wealth” and authored several international articles and lectures on optometry and community health. On November 8, 2011, he was the presenter at the City of Orange Township Immigration Forum on Health Disparities, Access to Care, Health Outcome, and Quality of Health Care. He has also served as Minister of Ceremonies during Haitian Flag Day at the City of Orange.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Orange Township hereby honors and thanks **Dr. Daniel Desrivieres** for his community service in the City of Orange Township, the greater Essex County area, and in Haiti.

Adopted: December 19, 2023

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Tency A. Eason
Council President

PURPOSE: - To celebrate the professional achievements of Dr. Daniel Desrivieres.

FISCAL IMPACT: - None.