

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

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**TITLE: A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING JOSEPH W. BOWERS, THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN DIRECTOR OF CAMPING FOR BLACK BOYS IN THE NEWARK AREA AND RETIRED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OAKWOOD BRANCH OF YM-YWCA OF THE ORANGES – A LITTLE KNOWN BLACK HISTORY MOMENT IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP.
(Sponsored by Council Member Adrienne Wooten & the Orange Municipal Council)**

WHEREAS, our responsibility as citizens is to address the inequalities and injustices that linger, and we must secure our birthright freedoms for all people.

WHEREAS, we must reflect on the sacrifices and contributions made by generations of African Americans, and let us resolve to continue our march toward a day when every person knows the unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of the City of Orange Township to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we celebrate Joseph W. Bowers, first Black Director of Camping for black boys in the Newark area; he retired as the Executive Director of Oakwood Branch of YM-YWCA of the Oranges.

Adopted: February 6, 2024

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

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Council President



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