

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

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TITLE: A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING LORRAINE E. HAWTHORNE FOR HER SERVICE AS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN FEMALE TRUANCY OFFICER AND SUPERVISOR FOR THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – 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, Lorraine E. Hawthorne served the Orange Public Schools for 36 years; and

WHEREAS, Lorraine E. Hawthorne had the distinction of being the first African American woman to integrate the Orange Public Schools; and

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 Lorraine E. Hawthorne for her service as the first African American Female Truancy Officer and Supervisor for the Orange Public School District.

Adopted: February 6, 2024

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

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Council President

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