

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

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TITLE: **A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING GAIL FISCHER, ORANGE NATIVE, FOR HER MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH. (Sponsored by council member Adrienne Wooten & the Orange Municipal Council)**

WHEREAS, Gail Fisher was born in the City of Orange Township on August 18, 1935; and

WHEREAS, Gail Fisher was an American actress who was one of the first black women to play substantive roles in American television; and

WHEREAS, she was best known for playing the role of secretary Peggy Fair on the television detective series Mannis from 1968 through 1975, a role for which she won two Golden Globe Awards and an Emmy Award; and

WHEREAS, Gail Fisher was the first African-American woman to win those prestigious awards; and

WHEREAS, Gail Fisher also won an NAACP Image Award in 1969; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her acting career, Gail Fisher was a successful jazz lyricist.

WHEREAS, in a contest sponsored by Coca-Cola, Gail Fisher won the opportunity to spend two years studying acting at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts; and

WHEREAS, as a student of acting in New York City, she worked with Lee Strasberg and became a member of the Repertory Theater at Lincoln Center, where she worked with Elia Kazan and Herbert Blau; and

WHEREAS, as a young woman, she also worked as a model; and

WHEREAS, Gail Fisher accomplished many first in her life.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township do recognize Gail Fisher, Orange Native, on her many accomplishments during Women's History Month in the City of Orange Township.

Adopted: March 5, 2024

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

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Council President