

**CITY COUNCIL**

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

**DATE** March 19, 2024

**NUMBER** 187-2024

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ALLYSON W. COTTON AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OWNER, MANAGER AND FUNERAL DIRECTOR OF COTTON FUNERAL HOME SERVICE.**

**(Sponsored by Council Member Adrienne Wooten & the Orange Municipal Council)**

**WHEREAS**, Allyson W. Cotton formerly a resident of Calvert County, Maryland, where she completed her elementary school education, before transferring to the Washington, D. C. school system for her third year of schooling; and

**WHEREAS**, she pursued higher education at Trinity College, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology in 1965; and

**WHEREAS**, Allyson later attended Mercer County Community College in New Jersey, where she earned a degree in Mortuary Science; and

**WHEREAS**, together with her late husband, Macon T. Cotton, Jr., founder of Cotton Funeral Service, Allyson, is committed to providing compassionate and professional funeral services throughout New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, Allyson W. Cotton is the Chief Executive Officer, Owner, Manager, and Funeral Director at Cotton Funeral Home in the City of Orange Township; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 30 years, she accepted the responsibility of heading a program that distributed toys and other gifts, during the Christmas season, to underprivileged children in Essex, Union and Hudson counties. A multitude of organizations, including churches, community groups, day care centers and local city governments, also contributed to the distribution effort; and

**WHEREAS**, Allyson Cotton is an esteemed member of several prestigious organizations within the funeral services industry, including the National Funeral Directors' Association, the New Jersey State Funeral Directors' Association, the Garden State Funeral Directors' Association and the National Funeral Directors' and Morticians' Association; and

**WHEREAS**, she is a proud and devoted grandmother to five grandchildren; she has six surviving siblings, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, in her extended family; and

**WHEREAS**, in keeping with her husband's humanitarian legacy, Allyson continues to support charitable organizations, such as the Big O Booster Club of Orange, the St. James Lodge #61 P.H.A., St. James Chapter #58 O.E.S.P.H.A., the East Orange YMCA and the Boy Scouts of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Allyson W. Cottons' unselfish efforts are a testament to her unwavering commitment to community engagement and the betterment of those who are less fortunate.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township honor and recognize Allyson W. Cotton as the Chief of Executive Officer, Owner, Manager and Funeral Director of Cotton Funeral Home Service.

**Adopted: March 19, 2024**

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**Joyce L. Lanier**  
City Clerk

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**Tency A. Eason**  
Council President



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