

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE August 7, 2024

NUMBER 354-2024

TITLE: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING EMANCIPATION DAY IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP IN HONOR OF ALL RESIDENTS OF GUYANESE DESCENT. (Sponsored by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten)

WHEREAS, Emancipation Day is celebrated annually on August 1st in Guyana to commemorate the abolition of slavery in the British Empire on August 1, 1834; and

WHEREAS, this historic day marks the end of a long and painful era of slavery, symbolizing freedom, human rights, and the resilience of the African descendants in Guyana; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Emancipation Day is an opportunity to honor the rich cultural heritage, traditions, and contributions of the African Guyanese community to the social, economic, and cultural fabric of Guyana; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the City of Orange Township are of Guyanese descent and share a deep connection to this significant day, reflecting the diverse and multicultural nature of our community; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging Emancipation Day in Guyana within our community fosters greater understanding, unity, and appreciation for the shared histories and cultural experiences that enrich our township; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township recognizes the importance of commemorating Emancipation Day and the enduring spirit of freedom and justice it represents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township hereby acknowledges and celebrates Emancipation Day in Guyana, extending our heartfelt recognition and support to all residents of Guyanese descent and the entire community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council encourages all residents of the City of Orange Township to join in commemorating this important day, to reflect on its historical significance, and to celebrate the rich cultural contributions of the Guyanese community to our township.

Adopted: August 7, 2024

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Adrienne Wooten
Council President

