## CITY COUNCIL

## The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

DATE November 6, 2024

NUMBER \_\_504-2024

TITLE:

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP. (Sponsored by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten).

WHEREAS, diabetes is a serious and potentially life-threatening disease affecting more than 37 million Americans, including individuals in the City of Orange Township, with approximately 1.5 million new cases diagnosed each year; and

WHEREAS, diabetes can lead to severe health complications, including heart disease, kidney failure, vision loss, and nerve damage, which profoundly affect individuals, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that one in three adults has prediabetes, a condition that, if not addressed, often leads to type 2 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Diabetes Awareness Month, observed each November, is dedicated to educating the public about the risks, prevention, and management of diabetes, as well as to supporting those affected by this condition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township is committed to raising awareness about diabetes, promoting healthy lifestyles, and encouraging regular screenings and early detection to reduce the impact of diabetes on our residents; and

WHEREAS, individuals, healthcare providers, community organizations, and government agencies can work together to provide resources, support, and education to combat diabetes and its associated risks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township hereby proclaims the month of November as Diabetes Awareness Month and encourages all residents to learn about diabetes prevention, get regular screenings, and support those affected by diabetes in our community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City urges businesses, organizations, schools, and healthcare providers to join in this effort to increase awareness and provide resources for individuals to lead healthier lives, thus reducing the incidence and impact of diabetes in our community.

Adopted: November 6, 2024

Joyce L. Lanier City Clerk Adrienne K. Wooten Council President