

CITY COUNCIL**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE November 6, 2024NUMBER 505-2024

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2025 AS FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP.
(Sponsored by Councilmember Adrienne Wooten).**

WHEREAS, family caregivers are essential to the well-being and quality of life for many individuals within our community, providing invaluable support, companionship, and care to loved ones who are elderly, disabled, chronically ill, or otherwise in need; and

WHEREAS, more than 53 million Americans provide unpaid care to family members, friends, and neighbors, sacrificing their time, financial resources, and often their own well-being to ensure that their loved ones receive the care they need; and

WHEREAS, caregivers often juggle multiple responsibilities, balancing work, family life, and caregiving, sometimes at the expense of their own physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, National Family Caregivers Month, observed each November, raises awareness of the issues faced by caregivers, celebrates their dedication, and encourages greater support and recognition for those who serve in these critical roles; and

WHEREAS, caregivers play a fundamental role in reducing hospital admissions and enhancing the continuity of care, providing billions of dollars of economic value through their unpaid work, which is often not recognized or fully appreciated; and

WHEREAS, it is essential for the City of Orange Township to acknowledge and support the caregivers within our community, offering resources, respite, and recognition for their tremendous contributions to the health and well-being of our residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township hereby proclaims the month of November as Family Caregivers Month and recognizes the invaluable contributions of all caregivers within our city; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City encourages residents, businesses, organizations, and government agencies to support and recognize family caregivers, helping to provide them with the resources, respite, and assistance they need to continue their vital roles within our community.

Adopted: November 6, 2024

Joyce L. Lanier
City Clerk

Adrienne K. Wooten
Council President