

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

No.

MC 14-1028-53Date of Adoption **OCTOBER 28, 2014**

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY ON THE BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH BY

Legislative Resolution Officer

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER

JONES

SECONDED BY

HUDLEY

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

IMAM WAHY-UD DEEN SHAREEF

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington, in Essex County, New Jersey is pleased to commend Imam Wahy-Ud Deen Shareef who will be honored during a 30 Year Tribute Dinner sponsored by Masjid Waarith ud Deen to be held on Friday, October 17, 2014, at The Westwood in Garwood, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Imam Wahy-Ud Deen Shareef completed his Hajj to the Ka'bah in Makkah in 1987, represented Imam W. Deen Mohammed at the World Conference on Religion and Peace in Tokyo in 1998, and was a delegate at the historic Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders at the United Nations in 2000 and the Tuscon Business Conference in Istanbul, Turkey, in 2010; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Imam Wahy-Ud Deen Shareef received the Peace Islands Institute's "Peace and Understanding" Award; attended an Iftar at the White House as a guest of President Barack Obama; co-led an NICHIP interfaith delegation to Palestine/Israel; and attended the Focolare Interreligious Convention in Rome, Italy, in 2014 as an invited Muslim delegate; and

WHEREAS, Imam Shareef, a student of Imam W. Deen Mohammed, co-founded Waris Associates, Inc., in 1984, which led to the establishment of the Waris Cultural Research and Development Center and Masjid Waarith ud Deen in Irvington, New Jersey, which implement spiritual, educational, recreational, cultural and social programs that address the challenges facing American families today. Imam Shareef also serves as the Executive Director of ComWealth Economic Development Corporation (EDC), a non-profit economic development corporation; and

WHEREAS, Imam Wahy-Ud Deen Shareef is the Convener of the Council of Imams in New Jersey (CINJ) and co-founder of the New African Partnership between CINJ and the City National Bank in Newark; co-founder of the Newark Interfaith Coalition for Hope and Peace, and a member of the NJ State Attorney General's Outreach Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, Imam Shareef is currently the President and CEO of his own consulting company, Shareef Professional Services, LLC, which provides project, program, construction, financial and administrative management services. He also established and is the former Director of the Newark Port Career and Business Development Center in the City of Newark's Department of Economic & Housing Development, and was a Senior Advisor to former Mayor Cory A. Booker; and

WHEREAS, Imam Wahy-Ud Deen Shareef graduated from East Orange High School, received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from NJIT, and retired after 25 years as an Engineering Project Manager for Kraft/Nabisco Foods; and

WHEREAS, Imam Wahy-Ud Deen Shareef often speaks on college campuses and at corporate and public sector events. He has appeared as a commentator and contributor on several television programs presented by CNN, MSNBC, ABC, PBS, NJTV and Ebru. As a consultant, he serves as a director on several boards; as an inspirational speaker, he conducts lectures, workshops, counseling, education and training programs for organization and project management, ethical and moral guidance, personal and professional management, social responsibility and how to achieve productive ethically, intellectually, spiritually and materially- balances lives; and

WHEREAS, Imam Wahy-Ud Deen Shareef is married to Helima, and is the father of Ronald, Anita, Shakir and Laila; grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of two; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the Township of Irvington hereby commends Imam Wahy-Ud Deen Shareef for his many years of service, dedication and leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Municipal Council in lasting tribute to Imam Wahy-Ud Deen Shareef for his outstanding dedication and joins the Masjid Waarith ud Deen in celebration of Imam Shareef's 30 Year Tribute Dinner on Friday, October 17, 2014, at The Westwood.

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE

X = Indicates Vote

N.V. = No Vote

A.B. = Absent

COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	YES	NO	N.V.	A.B.
BURGESS, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT	X				JONES, 2ND VICEPRESIDENT	X			
COX	X				LYONS	X			
HUDLEY	X				FREDERIC, PRESIDENT	X			
INMAN	X								

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL CLERK

DATE **OCT 28, 2014**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Municipal Council. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Corporate Seal of the Township of Irvington.

MUNICIPAL CLERK

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