

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

No. **MC15-1027-63**

Date of Adoption **OCTOBER 27, 2015**

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

[Signature]
Legislative Research Officer

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER **FREDERIC**

SECONDED BY **LYONS**

RESOLUTION OF COMMEMORATION UPON RETIREMENT JOAN E. WHITTAKER LIBRARY DIRECTOR IRVINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the Irvington Municipal Council wishes to express their congratulations and best wishes to Joan E. Whittaker upon her retirement as Library Director; and

WHEREAS, Joan E. Whittaker was born in Jamaica, West Indies and immigrated to the United States in 1988 in order to attend graduate school. After twelve months she graduated with a Masters degree in Library and Information Science and has served in her profession since then in one capacity or another; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 1995, Joan E. Whittaker began her tenure with the Irvington Public Library as Reference Librarian. After three months she was asked to take on the responsibility of Head of Children's Services and served in that capacity until she was promoted to Library Director on June 5, 2000; and

WHEREAS, during her appointment as Library Director, Ms. Whittaker has revitalized the services and programs of the library and has transformed the library from its traditional role to the hub of the Township. Ms. Whittaker refurbished the adult library in 2000 for the very first time since the library was built in 1968. She later tackled the Children's Room and office areas. Today, the library is a bright inviting place and attracts over 20,000 visitors per month; and

WHEREAS, Joan E. Whittaker has been proactive in providing cutting-edge technology to the people who use the library. In 2000, she designed a state of the art computer lab and completed the project within three months. Several grants were written and funds were received to purchase computers. Recently the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grants completely furnished the lab with eleven computers. Two other computer centers were built in recent years to meet the demand for public access computers. A variety of free computer classes are offered almost every day of the week to anyone from anywhere; and

WHEREAS, Joan E. Whittaker's skill, knowledge, enthusiasm, resourcefulness and pro-active stance as a leader has resulted in her becoming an exceptional director in the Township of Irvington; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that is hereby commends our dear friend and consummate librarian Joan E. Whittaker for her unwavering dedication and public service for many years, as well as for her professionalism, knowledge and dedication which has been unselfishly displayed for the benefit of the citizenry of the Township of Irvington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this governing body as a lasting tribute to Joan E. Whittaker.

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 *[Signature]* MUNICIPAL CLERK *[Signature]* DATE **OCTOBER 27, 2015**

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 *[Signature]* DATE **OCT 27 2015**

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OCDP~AD ☐ P&R ☐ PAYROLL ☐ POL~DIR ☐ POL~CF ☐ PURCH ☐ SEC~PB/BA ☐ TA ☐ TAX~AS ☐ TAX~COL ☐ TRAFFIC ☐ UEZ ☐
ZONING~OFF ☐ DLGS ☐ GNCD ☐ OTHER(S): _____