

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

No. **MC15-1027-64**

Date of Adoption **OCT. 27, 2015**

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

Legislative Research Officer

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER **FREDERIC**

SECONDED BY **INMAN**

RESOLUTION NAMING NYE AVENUE, BETWEEN PARK PLACE AND NESBIT TERRACE REVEREND DOCTOR JOSEPH ETIENNE WAY- IN HONORARIUM

WHEREAS, Reverend Dr. Joseph Etienne was born in Desdunes, Haiti; and

WHEREAS, at the age of fifteen, he accepted Jesus-Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. Since then, he felt that the Lord had called him to serve and to have an intimate relationship with Him; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, Pastor Etienne attended the Evangelical School of the Bible in Bolosse, Port-au-Prince where he obtained a diploma in Theology. While studying, he met his wife, Yvonne Julie Etienne. They have been married for fifty-one years and have four children and nine grandchildren. After his graduation, he and his wife returned to his home church in Desdunes and stayed for five years. During those years, he served as the Superintendent of Sunday school while his wife taught elementary school; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, they were called to start a church in Arcahaie, Haiti. Subsequently, Reverend Pastor Etienne was ordained Pastor that same year. In 1971, Reverend Etienne migrated to the United States of America with the same desire to continue helping and serving people as he has been serving God in Haiti. He attended the United Christian Church where he served as Superintendent of Sunday school. Thereafter, he and his wife started a home prayer service; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Pastor Etienne with his wife and four children along with three other families co-founded what is now Eglise Baptiste De La Nouvelle Jerusalem (New Jerusalem Baptist Church); and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Pastor Etienne obtained a Bachelor degree of Theology from the Lighthouse Christian College in Arkansas, two years later he obtained a Masters degree of Theology and in 1998, he obtained a Ph. D. in religious education at the same college; and

WHEREAS, as the founding Pastor of New Jerusalem Baptist Church located in Irvington, New Jersey for the past seventeen years, Reverend Joseph Etienne has served as the Senior Pastor for these 35 plus years, and as a Counselor for the Township of Irvington community at large; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Doctor Joseph Etienne's fervent desire is to continue to be a servant of the Lord Jesus-Christ until he is called to his eternal home.

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council is desirous of honoring Reverend Doctor Joseph Etienne's for his many years of community and religious services to the Township of Irvington by designating Nye Avenue, between Park Place and Nesbit Terrace "Reverend Doctor Joseph Etienne Way - In Honorarium":

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that a street sign stating "Reverend Doctor Joseph Etienne Way - In Honorarium" be placed above the street sign at Nye Avenue, between Park Place and Nesbit Terrace in the Township of Irvington to recognize Reverend Doctor Joseph Etienne for his many years of community service to the Township of Irvington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Neighborhood Services be authorized and directed to take all the necessary steps to see that proper street signs are erected signifying "Reverend Doctor Joseph Etienne Way - In Honorarium" above the street sign at Nye Avenue, between Park Place and Nesbit Terrace in the Township of Irvington.

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 **OCT. 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]*

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