

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

No. **MC 17-1011-49**

Date of Adoption **OCTOBER 11, 2017**

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

Legislative Research Officer

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER

BURGESS

SECONDED BY

HUDLEY

RESOLUTION OF SORROW DOLORES WATTS WILLIAMS

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington wishes to express their deepest sorrow on the passing of Dolores Watts Williams; and

WHEREAS, Dolores Watts Williams, affectionately known as "Tootsie" was born April 17, 1938 to the late Carrie and James Madison, who was the first family to move to Riverview Court, "Down Neck" area of the City of Newark, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, she attended Monmouth Street Elementary School and Hawkins Street Elementary School and she was a graduate of East Side High School. During her collegiate years she attended Essex County College, Rutgers University and Bloomfield College; and

WHEREAS, in the mid-1950's, Dolores met Mr. Irvin Williams and after a short courtship they married and of this union were born four beautiful children; Mikhail Muhammed, Cheryl, Eric and Lorrie. A phenomenal mother and wife, Dolores showered her family and friends with unconditional love and devotion and instilled into her children a love for family, a sense of community and a sense of self-worth, qualities they will carry throughout their lives, which they will pass onto Dolores' grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, during the late 1960's, Dolores began her professional career in the City of Newark, New Jersey as a trainee with the Model City Anti-Poverty Program. She excelled throughout her tenure holding an array of positions and receiving numerous accolades commemorating her contributions; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970's, Dolores was instrumental in the political arena of former Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson, and the late Councilman Donald K. Tucker, who pushed her to greatness; and

WHEREAS, after thirty-two years of dedicated insurmountable service, in 1986, Dolores retired from the position of Contract Procurement Officer in the Department of Economic and Housing Development in the Division of Housing Assistance; and

WHEREAS, she was a member of Christian Pentecostal Church of Christ in Irvington and served her community with resilient dedication; and

WHEREAS, she was a tremendously talented cook, seamstress, singer, crocheter and advocate of free knowledge in order to improve the quality of life for others. She felt enormous pride in her prominent role the "Down Neck Crew", a group responsible for coordinating most of the affairs in her home, with her close childhood friends Louis, Lillian, Alma, Blue, Pat, Carlotta, Dorothy, Lorraine, Bernice, Diane, Irma, Bunny and the late Sidney, Charlie and Kenny; and

WHEREAS, Dolores was preceded in death by her parents Carrie and James Madison, husband Irvin Williams, daughter Cheryl Williams, favorite uncle and aunt Samuel Upshaw and Lillian Upshaw and her late cousin Karen Durant; and

WHEREAS, Dolores leaves to cherish her memory one sister, Joan Ford (George), her children Mikhail Muhammed (Fahimah), Eric Williams (Lori), Lorrie A. Williams (Tony), grandchildren Taneesha (Travis Winfrey), Aminah, Deshawn, Tanisha, Eric, Jadeyn, Nadiyah, Nafisah, Iman, Jennah, Abdul, Rafiq, Nusir, Zainab and Malak, her great-grandchildren Tayla and Yasir, and a host of extended grandchildren, extended family and friends:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the Township of Irvington hereby joins with the friends and family of Dolores Watts Williams in their time of bereavement; 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 Dolores Watts Williams.

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				INMAN				X
COX	X				JONES, 2ND VICEPRESIDENT	X			
FREDERIC	X				LYONS, PRESIDENT	X			
DR. HUDLEY	X								

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL *[Signature]* MUNICIPAL CLERK *[Signature]* DATE **OCTOBER 11, 2017**

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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ADMINISTRATOR ☐ ASSESSOR ☐ BLDG ☐ CFO ☐ COLLECTOR ☐ COURT ☐ EDGO ☐ ENGINEER ☐ FIRE ☐ CF ☐ HEALTH ☐ HOUSING ☐ INIC ☐ JUDGE ☐ LEGAL ☐ LIBR ☐ LICEN ☐ MAYOR ☐ NPP ☐ OCDP ☐ PARKS ☐ PAYROLL ☐ PUBLIC SAFETY ☐ DIR ☐ PUBLIC WORKS ☐ PURCHASING ☐ SEC ☐ PB/ZBA ☐ TRAFFIC ☐ ZONING ☐ OFF ☐ DLGS ☐ GNCD ☐ OTHER(S): _____