

# RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

No. **MC18-0123-2**

Date of Adoption **JANUARY 23, 2018**

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

*[Signature]*  
Legislative Research Officer

**LYONS**

**BURGESS**

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER

SECONDED BY

Resolution of Commemoration Upon Retirement  
**Reynold Benfield**  
Tree Superintendent  
Township of Irvington  
Department of Public Works, Shade Tree Division

WHEREAS, the Irvington Municipal Council wishes to express their congratulations and best wishes to Reynold "Ben" Benfield upon his retirement as Tree Superintendent with the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, Ben was born on May 28, 1950 in British Guyana. He grew up in the County of Demerara and attended T.J Campbell Academy School; and

WHEREAS, after graduating he went to work as an Apprentice in Taxidermy at the Natural History Museum and during his twelve years of employment he rose to the position of Taxidermist; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Ben went to work for the Suriname Government as Chief Taxidermist in their Natural History Department; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, he immigrated to the United States and worked for Dunac Forestry Inc.; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, he worked for Asplundh Tree Experts where he elevated to Tree Forman; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, he started his own business as a Tree Expert; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Ben commenced his employ with the Township of Irvington in the Department of Public Works, Shade Tree Division as a Tree Climber. Ben was promoted to Tree Supervisor and then served as Tree Superintendent until his retirement on January 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Reynold "Ben" Benfield's skill, knowledge, resourcefulness and leadership has resulted in him becoming an exceptional and reliable tree expert in the Township of Irvington:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that is hereby commends our dear friend and consummate tree expert Reynold "Ben" Benfield for his unwavering dedication and public service for many years, as well as for his knowledge and dedication which has been unselfishly displayed for the benefit of the residents 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 Reynold "Ben" Benfield.

## 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 **JANUARY 23, 2018**

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

DATE **JAN 23 2018**



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