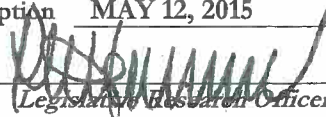


RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

No. MC 15-0512-31

Date of Adoption MAY 12, 2015

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


Legislative Assistant Officer

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER

FREDERIC

SECONDED BY

INMAN

RESOLUTION OF COMMEMORATION HAITIAN FLAG DAY

WHEREAS, HAITI's history dates back to thousands of years. The western half of the island of Hispaniola, it was first inhabited by the Taino natives. Christopher Columbus was the first European to visit the island, doing so in 1492, founding the settlement of La Navidad. France and Spain divided Hispaniola between them in 1697, France receiving the western half, importing African slaves and imposing racial codes; and

WHEREAS, HAITIAN natives fought for their independence, under former slave Toussaint L'Ouverture, in the late 1700s and early 1800s. On January 1, 1804, **HAITI** proclaimed its independence from France, and withstood French and other nations' attempts to conquer them. **HAITI** is the second-oldest independent nation in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, For a country's citizens, the national flag is indisputably a symbol of general pride. They would consider any offense to their flag to be an offense to their country. Beyond being an icon though, a flag's origin can often say a lot about a nation's social makeup or history. Haitians feel no different and even reserve a special day to honor it, that day is May 18, 2015; and

WHEREAS, In Haiti, Flag Day is a major national holiday celebrated with great fanfare on the grounds of the national palace. Flag Day is also observed by Haitians in the Diaspora. In the United States Haitians give homage to the blue and red by carrying it around. Haiti's flag's origin is tightly linked to a history of struggle for freedom; and

WHEREAS, Toussaint Louverture and the army of revolted slaves fought successively for the Spanish against the French (1793-1794), for the French against Spain and England (1794-1802) and ultimately against France; and

WHEREAS, The leaders of the free slaves and the men of color had decided to fight for the creation of an independent nation. On May 18, 1803, in the city of Arcahaie, not far from Port-au-Prince, the newly appointed revolutionary leader Jean-Jacques Dessalines created the flag by taking a French tricolor and ripping out the white center. He then asked Catherine Flon to sew the remaining bands together; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby recognizes May 18, 2015 as Haitian Flag Day and honors this country's citizens and their ancestors who so bravely fought for their freedom from slavery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this governing body in lasting tribute to Haitian Flag Day.

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE

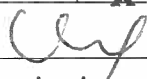
X = Indicates Vote

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 MAY 12, 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



DATE MAY 12 2015

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