

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

No. **MC 16-1213-67**

Date of Adoption **DEC 13, 2016**

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

Legislative Research Officer

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER **BURGESS** SECONDED BY **LYONS**

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION

Independence: A Family of Services, Inc.
A Night With IFS Champions For Community Progress
December 1, 2016

WHEREAS, Independence: A Family of Services, Inc. a community-based nonprofit agency that has served youth and families is celebrating 45 years of service in the Irvington, New Jersey metropolitan area, and its mission is to create pathways to success for at-risk and troubled youth and families through innovative programs and services in urban New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, during its legacy of 45 years of service, Independence: A Family of Services, Inc. has been at the forefront of working with youth struggling with educational and behavioral issues caused by poverty and unstable homes; and

WHEREAS, over its 45 years of service, IFS has expanded its scope of activities to meet the needs of youth and families within the community, with Independence High School remaining a fundamental component of the organization and in 1992, the name was changed to *Independence: A Family of Services, Inc.* to reflect the organization's expansion into a multi-service agency; and

WHEREAS, Independence: A Family of Services, Inc. hosts an annual event called "A Night With IFS" to raise awareness about its programs and services to the community and to honor supporters who have served as volunteers, advocates or contributors to its cause of serving disenfranchised youth and families in need; and

WHEREAS, "A Night With IFS" honors these supporters and designates the title of *Champions For Community Progress*, which recognizes dedicated individuals working to improve the quality of life for the Newark metropolitan community; and

WHEREAS, these *Champions For Community Progress* are Betty Spiropoulos, Vice President/Newark Market Manager and Teresa Cruz, Assistant VP Branch Manager of Investors Savings Bank; Hannah Marcus, Advisory Board Member, IFS East Orange Family Success Center; Isaiah Smith, Life Skills Youth Graduate, IFS Education & Program Center; and Lori Scott-Pickens, Director of Community Outreach/Community-Based Learning and Adjunct Professor School of Criminal Justice (SCJ) at Rutgers University in Newark; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the Township of Irvington hereby honor and commends Independence: A Family of Services Inc. for their 45 years of service and its Champions for Community Progress throughout the community and encourage all of our citizens to recognize those champions and advocates that have made a significant impact in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this governing body as a lasting tribute to Independence: A Family of Services, Inc.

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				INMAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
COX	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				JONES, 2ND VICEPRESIDENT				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FREDERIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				LYONS, PRESIDENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
DR. HUDLEY				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL *David Lyons* MUNICIPAL CLERK *Halley M. M...* DATE **DEC. 13, 2016**

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 *Halley M. M...*

DATE **12/14/16**

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