

# RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

No. **MC 17-0328-16**

Date of Adoption **MARCH 28, 2017**

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

*[Signature]*  
Legislative Research Officer

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER **FREDERIC**

SECONDED BY **LYONS**

## RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION 2017 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

KETTY MICHEL  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HARMONY EDUCATION & LIFE PARTNERS (H.E.L.P.)

WHEREAS, as history is filled with the far reaching accomplishments of women, Irvington Township honors one of their own, Ketty Michel, who should be recognized for her many years of community contributions to the township; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Michel brings a strong combination of expertise and passion to her work as Executive Director of Harmony Education & Life Partners (H.E.L.P.); and

WHEREAS, she spent many years in multiple business environments, including retail, hospitality and consulting, as a manager, supervisor, and human resources specialist. Those experiences provided her with the skills necessary to manage her organization and its large staff, and have given her a clear picture of the academic and life skills children will need if they are to become productive members of the workforce; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Michel began her career as an early childhood educator in 1991, when she opened Harmony Family Day Care, a home-based childcare center in Elizabeth. That center was the first of its kind in Elizabeth to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC); and

WHEREAS, in 1999, aided by a N.J. state mini-grant, Harmony moved to a commercial location in Irvington, and expanded to include the Excel After School Program, and Harmony Day Camp. H.E.L.P. now has a staff of 32, and includes many additional programs serving not only children from the ages of 6 weeks to 13 years old, but also their families and the Irvington community. H.E.L.P. is also accredited by NAEYC; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Michel's many certifications and credentials include: B.A., Elementary Education - Queens College; National Administrator, Lead Teacher and Trainer - High Scope; Professional Trainer - N.J. Department of Education; Guest lecturer, Early Childhood & Family Studies - Kean University; Graduate, N.J. Entrepreneurial Training Institute - N.J. Economic Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, Ketty Michel, work has been honored by the Irvington Rotary Club 2009 "Service Above Self Awards" and cited in both "The Star-Ledger" and "The New York times", 2012 Turrell Fund Community Champion Award, 2016 Chamber of Commerce Community Honoree; and

WHEREAS, she continues to be a leader in early childhood education. She recognizes that socio-economic pressures often make it difficult for children to develop the social and life skills they will need if they are to succeed in education and in the workforce. Ms. Michel recognizes that institutional racism and unconscious bias continue to disproportionately deny people of color access to opportunity. She is determined that H.E.L.P. will continue to lead the way as a community resource ensuring that children go to school every day able and ready to learn; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby commends Ketty Michel for her many civic and community minded contributions to the children and 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 in lasting tribute to Ketty Michel and Women's History Month.

### 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 **MARCH 28, 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]*

DATE **MAR 28 2017**

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): \_\_\_\_\_