

# RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

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Date of Adoption MARCH 28, 2017

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

*Legislative Research Officer*

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER

**FREDERIC**

SECONDED BY

**BURGESS**

## RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION 2017 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH BRITNEE N. TIMBERLAKE ESSEX COUNTY FREEHOLDER PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, as history is filled with the far reaching accomplishments of women, Irvington Township would like to honor, Essex County Freeholder President Britnee N. Timberlake, who has provided a vast array of public participation and public service throughout many years; and

WHEREAS, President Britnee N. Timberlake has answered the call to serve as the legislative leader of one of the largest counties in the State of New Jersey with a budget of over \$700 million dollars. As the youngest Freeholder elected in the State and the only current sitting African-American female president, her commitment to public service helps positively transform the lives of people in and outside of Essex County; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to level the financial playing field for small businesses, minority owned businesses, and women owned businesses, President Timberlake developed innovative approaches to help open the door to financing. She wrote a law that was unanimously passed to establish the "Essex County Banking Review Program." This legislation requires banks the County has tax payer deposits with to come before the Board to show proof of their efforts to reduce foreclosures, provide loans to entrepreneurs, assist low-to-moderate-income communities, and maintain vacant homes they own. Furthermore, in response to the rising cost of living and stagnant wages, President Timberlake was the first elected official in New Jersey to take action with the Board and working families to unanimously pass a Resolution in "Support of the State Raising the Minimum Wage to \$15.00 an hour." Additionally, in a time where public safety has been a national focus, President Timberlake successfully advocated for the Sheriff's Department to obtain body cameras for sheriff officers; and

WHEREAS, most recently, President Timberlake spearheaded the passing of the Essex County Clean Jobs Initiative, a piece of legislation created to lower the unemployment rate and establish healthier communities while attracting large companies to relocate to Essex and build on remediated, vacant, and abandoned lots to bring more job opportunities to the County; and

WHEREAS, President Timberlake understands the value of embracing those from various countries around the world and the benefits of having a diverse community. In 2007, she traveled as a church leader with Calvary Baptist Church of East Orange to do missionary work throughout Jamaica. As Freeholder President, she created a Citizen Immigration Services Committee to warmly welcome people of all nationalities to Essex County and, for the first time, recognized the Caribbean community by way of a festival. She partnered with Congressman Donald Payne, Jr., to raise local support for the Congressman as he boldly led the charge on the federal level to speak out against the horrific acts of Boko Haram (a Nigerian terrorist group). As a result of a visit from parliamentary committee members of Ghana, President Timberlake forged relationships to better bridge dialogue between Ghana and the County and traveled to Ghana for a parliamentary visit in 2016; and

WHEREAS, outside of being an elected official, President Timberlake is the founding Executive Director of a nonprofit affordable housing organization called the Essex Community Land Trust (ECLT), which strengthens communities by providing permanently affordable housing and financial empowerment opportunities for working families and individuals throughout Essex County. She has been successful in leveraging over two million dollars that is used to create affordable for-sale housing in suburban communities for low-to-moderate-income families; and

WHEREAS, President Timberlake is the proud daughter of Philip and Cathy Timberlake. Her father served as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne while her mother was an educator of the mentally and physically challenged. Through her parents' example, she understood at a young age, the importance of compassion. It is through this principle, that she has dedicated her education and professional career to helping people. She has a Bachelors of Arts and Science degree in Political Science with a minor in Religious Studies and a Masters of Public Administration with a concentration in Nonprofit Management from Seton Hall University; and

WHEREAS, President Timberlake has served as an AmeriCorps Member in Union County, was the housing chair of her local NAACP and graduated from EmergeNJ. It is with great humility that Essex County Freeholder President Britnee N. Timberlake pledges to continue serving those in need as the Board's President and Essex County District 3 Freeholder; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby commends Essex County Freeholder President Britnee N. Timberlake for her many civic, educational and community minded contributions to 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 in lasting tribute to Essex County Freeholder President Britnee N. Timberlake 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): \_\_\_\_\_