

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

No. **MC18-0327-18**

Date of Adoption **MARCH 27, 2018**

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

Legislative Research Officer

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER

LYONS

SECONDED BY

BURGESS

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION 2018 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

ROMAINE GRAHAM

PRESIDENT

IRVINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of the Township of Irvington since 1969, Romaine Graham has served her community with commitment and diligence. Mrs. Graham attended elementary school in the Township of Irvington. She is a homeowner in the North Ward. She has been married to William Graham for the past four years and is the mother of five children, two boys; Kevin Jr. and Jason; three daughters; Dana, Brittani and Brandi, and have two beautiful granddaughters Kia and Anaya. She attributes her many accomplishments to her strong foundation, her parents, MacArthur and Selena Shuler; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Graham has been a Member of the Irvington Board of Education since April 2011 and currently holds the rank of President. She presides over many committees formed by the Irvington Board of Education. She has received many awards from the School Board; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Graham was introduced into politics in the early 1980's, the late Irvington Democratic Committee Chairman D. Bilal Beasley was very instrumental in bringing her to the forefront. Her electoral career began in June 2010, when she won a position in Irvington's Democratic County Committee representing the North Ward, 9th District. She currently represents the North Ward, 2nd District and holds the position of North Ward Chair; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Graham is a member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey. She has been a member of this congregation since childhood. She has been involved in the following church organizations: Advisor for the Youth Usher board ministry, President of the Women's choir ministry and Pin Angel for the Hospitality ministry; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Graham was employed with the Newark Public School System from 1999 to 2014. She worked at Burnet Street School, Camden Middle School, Harold Wilson Middle School, Belmont Runyon School, Arts High School and Barringer High School. She is currently employed with the Township of Irvington, Office of the Mayor as Secretary to the Honorable Mayor Tony Vauss since July 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Graham received an Associate of Science degree in Public Policy and Urban Studies from St. Peter's University in Jersey City, New Jersey in 2006. She continued her studies and obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Urban Studies in 2008. Mrs. Graham was on the Dean's List while at St. Peter's University. She is a member of the International Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society-Sociology which is honorary and based on peer recognition, which provides opportunities for leadership development and networking. She is a member of the National Association of Professional Women (NAPW), a membership-based organization that provides women with tools and resources designed to help them achieve professional success, social wellness, and financial security. Mrs. Graham was a member of the "Newark Do Something" program sponsored by the City of Newark where she facilitated leadership training skills for Newark youth; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Graham was the recipient of The President's Award from the South Jersey African American Chamber of Commerce in Atlantic City and Irvington Board of Education Quality Education-A Community Commitment Appreciation Award;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby commends Romaine Graham for her many civic 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 Romaine Graham 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								

RESIDENT OF COUNCIL

R. Lyons

MUNICIPAL CLERK

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DATE **MARCH 27, 2018**

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



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