

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

No. **MC 18-0530-34**

Date of Adoption **MAY 30, 2018**

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

Legislative Research Officer

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER

FREDERIC

SECONDED BY

HUDLEY

JOSEPH SAINTIL RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION IN COMMEMORATION OF HAITIAN FLAG DAY, 2018

WHEREAS, HAITI's history dates back to thousands of years. 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, 1803; and

WHEREAS, in commemoration of Haitian Flag Day 2018, the Irvington Municipal Council would like to honor, Joseph Saintil, who has provided a vast array of accomplishments, community contributions and success as an entrepreneur;

WHEREAS, Joseph Saintil was born on May 18th and came to the United States of America when he was 21 years old with the idea that he would better himself and eventually return back home to Haiti. However, in just a short time his life changed after the loss of both of his parents. His mother was the head of the household in his family. Being the oldest of seven children, he was forced to undertake the responsibility of taking care of them. When Mr. Saintil was able to establish himself, he managed to bring all of his siblings to the United States to live here in hopes of giving them a better life with more opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Saintil managed to start his first business in Irvington which was an Exxon Gas Station on Avon Avenue and Springfield Avenue. In 1976, he left the gas station business and started a Taxi Business in East Orange called Jacobs Taxi. In 1999, he extended the Taxi business to Newark. His original dream was to become a lawyer but for some reasons life became difficult and despite all of the difficulties, he managed to obtain an Associate Degree in Social Science at Essex County College; and

WHEREAS, in honor of his mother's legacy, Mr. Saintil constructed a modern two story facility in Haiti that was designed by an architect from the United States. The new development functions as a library and research center for the community. It was here that he found the opportunity to keep his mother's name alive and dedicate the new facility in her name and honor; and

WHEREAS, the Rose Vierge J. Paul Bibliotheque and Research Center was officially opened in 2015. The Rose Vierge J. Paul Research Center has more than two dozen computers and internet access which allows the children to connect to the outside world and conduct research using the virtual library. The virtual library at the research center provides access to two libraries in Canada, two libraries in France, and a library in Switzerland and Belgium; and

WHEREAS, the library and research center is part of the Rose Vierge J. Paul Foundation. The Rose Vierge J. Paul Foundation is a larger entity the focuses on many aspects of community development and services. The Foundation has a plan to build a fertilizer plant that will service the country of Haiti. This plant will be the only fertilizer plant in Haiti. This will help to make the fertilizer more affordable for the people in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, the Rose Vierge J. Paul Foundation plans to help all the schools in the community by renovating them and creating more modern learning environments including new desk, playgrounds, and toilet facilities. In addition, the Foundation would provide better educational resources including new books and new computers:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby applauds the many achievements of Joseph Saintil and celebrates Haitian Flag Day on May 26, 2018 to honor this country's citizens and their ancestors who so bravely fought for their freedom from slavery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Governing Body in lasting tribute to Joseph Saintil.

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

Dr. Lyons

MUNICIPAL CLERK

Shirley E. Wilson

DATE **MAY 30, 2018**

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



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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): _____