

# RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

**MC 18-1023-58**

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Date of Adoption OCTOBER 23, 2018

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

*Legislative Research Officer*

**COX**

**HUDLEY**

PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY \_\_\_\_\_

## RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION IRVINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 33RD ANNUAL LOUIS JAMES MAYNARD POLICE AWARDS AND STURD ALSTON FIRE AWARDS NOVEMBER 1, 2018

### POLICE OFFICER DHARMASENA GUNATILAKA IRVINGTON PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT POLICE DIVISION

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Township of Irvington wishes to acknowledge the 2018 Louis James Maynard Police Awards and Sturd Alston Fire Awards Recipients for their professional achievements and honor the men and women in public safety who have given the most of themselves to protect and serve the community; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Dharmasena Gunatilaka has been a member of the Irvington Public Safety Department for the past 18 years. He takes great pride in his career, one that has exposed him to all types of situations that have allowed him to grow as a person and an Officer; and

WHEREAS, his ride began from the humble beginnings of a patrol officer where the foundation was established for what his career would be. He worked the busiest shift which was 1545-0300 in the morning. He learned quickly about the job he undertook which reaffirmed that this was his calling in life. It was definitely a trial by fire. Guidance from senior officers and supervisors is what kept him going and molded him into the officer he is today; and

WHEREAS, after his start in patrol, Officer Dharmasena went into the K9 Unit. He learned another aspect of the job and had the privilege of meeting some exemplary officers such as Mike Walker and Alfredo Aleman. He learned the use of another tool and had a great partner in K9 True. He learned the ability of relying on himself and working independently; and

WHEREAS, Officer Dharmasena's next stop on this journey was narcotics. He learned a different side of the job from basic policing and taking reports. He learned how to build a case and initiate a job rather than being dispatched to take a report; and

WHEREAS, he is currently a School Resource Officer which pulls on the past positions. It has allowed him to show the children what not to do by having actual examples presented to them that they can touch. It has allowed him to be both an authority figure and a mentor; and

WHEREAS, Officer Dharmasena expressed that it has been a privilege to be able to influence the youth and the future of the Township of Irvington. He attributes his success on the job to senior officers and supervisors who guided him in my career and this success he will share with officers who come after him:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that this heroic officer, Police Officer Dharmasena Gunatilak is being honored for the good he has done for the Irvington community and for his heroic actions, in the name of everyone he has saved, for putting his life at risk for someone else and for placing others before his.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Irvington Municipal Council as a lasting tribute to the outstanding achievements of Police Officer Dharmasena Gunatilak for her Actions, Bravery, Valor and Dedication in the highest esteem of the Irvington Public Safety Department.

#### 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 OCTOBER 23, 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 *[Signature]*

DATE OCT 23 2018

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