

# RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON, NJ

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

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Legislative Research Officer

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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

**CYNTHIA WEST  
9-1-1 PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR  
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, Cynthia West has been blessed and proud to have been working for the Irvington Police Department (IPD) for 31 years. She started her journey on February 23, 1987, as a clerk typist in the Division of the Records Bureau where she enjoyed serving the public for four years, hands-on, face-to-face. Some of her duties consisted of answering telephones, filing police reports, generating minor incident reports, and looking up police records for the public. She also handled mail, background checks, and ran license plate numbers; and

WHEREAS, when the position of Communications Operator opened up, Cynthia applied and received the job where she was trained very well by the late Michele Gardner. Cynthia has been at the job ever since for the past 27 ½ years. Over the years, the job title switched to 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicator, and her duties now consist of answering all incoming 9-1-1 calls, non-emergency calls, and fire and medical calls that she sends to their appropriate dispatcher or other appropriate service agencies such as EMS, Fire Department, or other municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia stated that working alongside the police over the years has been a tremendous pleasure but also very hectic. She takes life-threatening calls, suicidal calls, shots fired calls, robberies, fights, burglaries, and much more. She expressed that sometimes the telecommunicators do not get a break between calls to get up and go out to re-group or get their minds/self together from the heartfelt/hurt calls they just received, before the next call comes in. That's when they had to build up "tough skin" and continue on. Although leaving those things at the office was not always an easy task to do, IPD's motto is to "Stay Alert, Stay Alive, Safety First" so that all of their officers would get to go home safely to their families at the end of the day; and

WHEREAS, police officers are in the spotlight. The 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicators work behind the scenes, in the background, as hidden figures talking to anonymous callers and officers depend on them to direct and guide them with the crucial information they receive; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia is committed to serving the public/callers with respect and fairness, no matter what. They must have compassion for others and treat others the way they would want to be treated. She was taught to overcome evil with good. Cynthia states: "Thanks be to God, I am still here. And at the end of the day, I still love what I do":

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby honors and commends Cynthia West for her superior performance, her valor and invaluable contributions to the Irvington Public Safety Department.

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 Cynthia West in public safety.

### 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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