



## RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF CLAUDETTE MARIA SPALDING

**WHEREAS**, Claudette Maria Spalding was born Claudette Maria Worrell on May 27, 1947, in Colon, Panama to the late Edwin Claudio Worrell and Antoinette Agatha Best. Claudette was educated in the Colon, Panama school system and graduated from Porfilio Melendez High School in 1966; and

**WHEREAS**, Claudette met the love of her life, Gladstone Byas Spalding, an honorable serviceman enlisted in the United States Army, and they married on June 20, 1968. From their union, Claudette and Gladstone had three beautiful children, Adilma Felicia Spalding, Olivia Teresa Murray, and Gladstone Byas Spalding II; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1983 Gladstone and Claudette purchased the home they would share for almost 30 years. This home located in Willingboro, New Jersey hosted an endless number of family and friends. Claudette was famous for her scrumptious Sunday dinners which became a family tradition for years to come; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years Claudette and Gladstone used their home to care for many members of their family and friends. Claudette made sure anyone, who needed it, would be able to have a meal and a place to stay with her; and

**WHEREAS**, Claudette enjoyed shopping, taking trips to the casino, playing Pokeno, and belonged to her group called the "Bingo Girls". She was a woman of many talents including an amazing cook; a seamstress of beautiful gowns; an artist who crafted beautiful ceramic figurines; and

**WHEREAS**, when her husband Gladstone retired, they moved to Riverview, Florida where Claudette became an active member of Nativity Catholic Church serving on The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul Ministry and serving as a Spanish-speaking interpreter for her church; and

**WHEREAS**, Claudette was a very giving person, a devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt. She was also a loyal and supportive friend to many and leaves behind many to cherish her precious memories; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, I, Dr. Tiffani A. Worthy, Mayor of the Township of Willingboro, along with the Willingboro Township Council, and Willingboro residents do hereby honor the life of Claudette Maria Spalding.

In Witness whereof I  
Hereunto Set My Hand  
and Seal of Willingboro  
Township this 27<sup>th</sup>, day  
of July 2021



  
Dr. Tiffani A. Worthy  
Mayor