

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX**

RESOLUTION NO. _____
PROPOSED BY: FREEHOLDER BOBADILLA
SUBJECT:

AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(a)
AUTHORITY FOR ACTION C.C.E 3: 2-29 (B)

#49

COMMENDATION

**CONGRATULATING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF DESFILE Y FESTIVAL CULTURAL DOMINICANO DEL CONDADO DE ESSEX
ON THEIR SWEARING-IN – JANUARY 29, 2015**

WHEREAS, Desfile y Festival Cultural Dominicano del Condado de Essex will hold a Swearing-In Ceremony for its new Board of Directors on Thursday, January 29, 2015, in the Rotunda of Newark City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the new Board of Directors, led by Hjalmar T. Castillo, President, and Maria Bautista, Vice President, were elected on January 18, 2015, at Newark's Technology High School and will be sworn-in to serve from 2015-2017. The other Members of the Board of Directors are: Wilfredo EspirituSanto, Nieves Ramos, Andy Santana, Glenis Mojica, Gil Mejia, Genara Reyes, Rodolfo Inoa, James Valentin Ramos, Fausto Baez, Felix Noboa, Albanery C. Cruz Rodriguez, Jerson Ravelo, Juan C. Cruz, Delvi Ortega, Ines Dolores, Jose De Leon, Wanda Rodriguez, Jorge Baez and Eddy Bautista; and

WHEREAS, Desfile y Festival Cultural Dominicano del Condado de Essex (Dominican Parade and Cultural Festival of Essex County) was established to celebrate the rich history and cultural presence of the Dominican Community in Essex County. For over 50 years, Dominican-Americans have been active participants in the social, political and economic landscape of Essex County, and the organization provides an opportunity for all members of the Hispanic community to celebrate the accomplishments and cultural heritage of Dominicans; and

WHEREAS, the first Dominican Day Parade and Cultural Festival was held on September 6, 2004, and the primary vision of the event is to host a parade inclusive of all people and the surrounding communities. Through this positive event, the largest celebrated by the Dominican Community, the organization seeks to empower the community, and especially Dominican youth, by providing civic and ethnic pride, celebrating the history of the Dominican Republic, and increasing awareness of Latin America's diverse cultural heritage. In recent years, the streets of Newark have come alive with the contagious rhythm of the merengue and bachata, the Dominican national dance, performed by distinguished celebrities participating in the parade; and

WHEREAS, the organization committee of Desfile y Festival Cultural Dominicano del Condado de Essex is comprised of experienced individuals who have spearheaded pioneering initiatives for the advancement of the Dominican Community in Essex County and the State of New Jersey, and prominent leaders, professionals, merchants and elected officials have headed the parade in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the Desfile y Festival Cultural Dominicano del Condado de Essex Board of Directors collaborates with a variety of social and service-oriented agencies to build a stronger community that is founded on pride, knowledge and respect; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby congratulates the new members of the Desfile y Festival Cultural Dominicano del Condado de Essex on their swearing-in, and the entire organization for its outstanding efforts to celebrate and promote Dominican culture and pride; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Desfile y Festival Cultural Dominicano del Condado de Essex.

Approved as to form and legality Michel J. Parlaminis
 Freeholder Counsel

RECORD OF VOTE (X=Vote N.V.=Absention ABS=Absent)

Moved by Freeholder _____
 Second by Freeholder _____

Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Freeholder	Yes	No.	N.V.	ABS
BOBADILLA					RICHARDSON				
GILL, V.P.					SEBOLD				
JOHNSON					TORO				
JONES									
LUCIANO					TIMBERLAKE, PRES.				

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was () adopted () defeated () tabled by roll call vote at a _____ meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Essex, New Jersey held on _____

Is Publication Required () Yes () No

Date Published _____

Britnee N. Timberlake, President