

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS  
COUNTY OF ESSEX

#146

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
PROPOSED BY: FREEHOLDER GILL  
SUBJECT:

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

IN MEMORIAM

FRANCES WILLIAMS

WHEREAS, Frances Williams is being remembered upon her passing from this life on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, Frances Williams, affectionately known as Grandma Frances, Frannie, Mama Williams, Mommy and Baby Sis, was born on May 10, 1940, to the late Jonas and Savannah Cook in The City of Newark, New Jersey and was the second oldest of seven siblings. She began her education in the Newark School System. She went on to earn an associate's degree at Essex County College through the Project Deep Program, successfully completing her Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Kean College. During her educational journey, she also obtained her cosmetology license from Wilfred Academy and became the neighborhood Press and Curl Go To; and

WHEREAS, Frances Williams had a varied and blessed career, which included working with and transporting Children at Day Care 100 in Orange, serving the public as a Beautician on Halsey Street in Newark, an Operator for an independent company housed in the Robert Treat Hotel, a Bartender at Brandy's and domestic work for various persons. It should also be noted, she continued her cosmetology services up until her retirement mainly as a favor to her friends. She will be missed by her close lifelong friends Aunt Barbara Blaine and Mrs. Poaches; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from Kean College, Frances Williams obtained a position with Essex County Welfare and remained there until her retirement. Her work for County Welfare took her to various locations to include: Bell St., Orange, 1015 Broad St., Newark, S. Clinton Street., East Orange and Rector Street, Newark, where she retired. She was known to go the extra mile to support her clients well past the 4:30 p.m. quitting hour; and

WHEREAS, Frances Williams had enduring community, church and work relationships resulting in lifelong friendships, too many to name. She was a consummate community person and neighbor who orchestrated a variety of activities including: hosting coffee-clutches for the late Congressman Payne Sr., which introduced and welcomed the current County Executive Joey D to the neighborhood and recruited and enlisted the Central Place Family to maintain the Beauty of Central Place. She attended St. James AME Church in Newark, New Jersey, where she sang in the choir, served as a Class Leader in the nursing ministry, on stewardess board E, and on the Pastors Aide. She was an avid reader and loved watching Tyler Perry movies with her grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Frances Williams was preceded in death by her Sisters Karen Cook and Elizabeth Baltimore; and Brother-in-Law Leslie Baltimore. She leaves to carry on her traditions and legacy her siblings Gwendolyn Cook, Ruth Cook, Louis Cook, Darwin Cook and Kevin Cook; children: Anthony L. Williams (Darlene), Mark P. Williams (Bonita), Donna K. Williams (Derrick), Keith D. Wright (Eureka - Stepchild in Love), and Chanel Sanders (Work Daughter); 13 Grandchildren; 17 Great Grandchildren; and one Great Grandchild; as well as a host of other extended family, colleagues and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby celebrates the life and mourns the passing of Frances Williams, and offers their heartfelt condolences to her family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Frances Williams.

Approved as to form and legality \_\_\_\_\_

*Michel J. P...*  
Freeholder Counsel

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

Moved by Freeholder \_\_\_\_\_  
Second by Freeholder \_\_\_\_\_

Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS
COOPER					POMARES				
GRAHAM					RICHARDSON, V.P.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
JOHNSON					SEBOLD				
LUCIANO									
MERCADO					GILL, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Brendan W. Gill, President