

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS records maintained by the Township of West Orange (the "Township") reflect that real property commonly known as 7 Tompkins Street, identified on the Township's tax maps as Block 6, Lot 30.03 (the "Property"), was acquired by the Township through an action in foreclosure in 1979; and

WHEREAS records maintained by the Township further reflect that the Property was repurchased by its prior owner, Cody Barrett ("Mr. Barrett"), in 1980; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2009, by Resolution #79-09, the Township Council recognized Mr. Barrett's ownership of the Property and granted him an exemption from real property taxes assessed against the Property on the basis of his military service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30, et seq.; and

WHEREAS Mr. Barrett passed away on June 20, 2012; and

WHEREAS, upon Mr. Barrett's passing, the Property transferred to his wife, Mae Donella McRae Barrett ("Mrs. Barrett"); and

WHEREAS Mrs. Barrett passed away on September 9, 2014; and

WHEREAS a title search performed on behalf of Sady Ferguson ("Mrs. Ferguson"), the administratrix of Mr. Barrett's estate, has revealed that no deed was ever recorded transferring title from the Township to Mr. Barrett; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate her administration of Mr. Barrett's estate, Mrs. Ferguson has requested the issuance of a quitclaim deed for the Property from the Township to Mr. Barrett's estate; and

WHEREAS the Township, in order to convey any interest held by the Township in the Property to Mr. Barrett's estate for the sum of \$1.00, desires to execute a quitclaim deed (the "Quitclaim Deed") in the form annexed hereto as **Attachment "A;"**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of West Orange that the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to execute the Quitclaim Deed and the Township Clerk be and hereby is authorized to attest to the Mayor's signature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be published and made available in the Clerk's Office for reasonable inspection in accordance with applicable law.

Karen J. Carnevale, Municipal Clerk

Susan McCartney Council President

Adopted: December 9, 2014