

A RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF LINDA M. DECHEN.

WHEREAS, Linda M. Dechen was employed by the City of Vineland for 43 years, serving from 1957 until her retirement on August 1, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Linda began her career as a part-time employee and was hired full-time as a clerk-typist in 1958, she advanced to the position of Assistant Business Administrator in 1976 and became the Business Administrator in 1986, both positions never before held by a woman; and

WHEREAS, Linda was recognized by numerous organizations for her commitment to Vineland and its citizens, notably the Tri-County Community Action Agency naming the Vineland II Head Start Center the "Linda M. Dechen Early Learning Center;" and

WHEREAS, Linda was the recipient of distinguished service and community service awards from such organizations as ARC of Cumberland County, NJ Municipal Mangers Association, Puerto Rican Festival, Urban Network Organization, among others; and

WHEREAS, Linda also held membership in multiple community and professional associations, including American Society of Notaries, Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinators, Greater Vineland Chamber of Commerce, Newcomb Medical Center Foundation, NJ State League of Municipalities, NJ Public Employers Labor Relations Association, Phi Theta Kappa, Soroptimist International, Southern New Jersey Development Council, Vineland Public Library, and others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Vineland join to celebrate the many contributions by Linda M. Dechen while employed by the City of Vineland, and we mourn her passing on May 13, 2017, at the age of 76.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk