

RESOLUTION – 2020-16

Resolution Honoring Ecuadorian Independence Day “Ecuador Day”

Whereas, Spanish colonization of the area known as Ecuador commenced in the middle of the 16th Century; and, Quito--the capital of Ecuador-- became an administrative region of Spain; And,

Whereas, the residents of Quito inspired by the American Revolution and ideas of revolution in America and Europe, in the country which became Ecuador, were the first in Latin America the to rebel against Spain after 300 years of Spanish rule; And,

Whereas, the residents of Quito, declared Independence on 10 August 1809 against Spain; and, even though the Independence was suppressed by Spain, the Declaration of Independence by the citizens of Quito contributed to the numerous revolutions in South America, which led to wars of Independence throughout Central and South America; and,

Whereas, Ecuador gained Independence on May 24th, 1822 through the victory of combined forces of Great Colombia led by Simon Bolivar; and, after secession from Great Colombia, the first congress aspired to met to create a Constitution on August 10, 1830; and,


Whereas, the country of Ecuador celebrates “ *El Primer Grito de Independence* ” (*The First Day of Independence*) or “ *Velada Libertaria* ,” (*Cry of Independence*) on August 10th of each year through traditional music, historical recreations, and festivals to celebrate a National Day of Independence in remembrance of the first rebellion in Quito in 1809 and in the the Constitutional Assembly in 1830; and,

Whereas, members of the Lansdowne Community of Ecuadorian descent regularly gather to participate in cultural activities and the cultural life of the community through the sport of Ecuvoolley; and, gather to celebrate “ *El Primer Grito de Independencia* ” (*The First Day of Independence*);

Whereas, Lansdowne Borough Council acknowledges and respects the members of the Lansdowne community of all places of national origin; and, we respect and acknowledge the contributions to the cultural and civic life in Lansdowne of members of the Ecuadorian Community;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that Lansdowne Borough Council recognizes and acknowledges August 10th, 2020 as “Ecuador Day;” and, honors the Ecuadorian community in Lansdowne Borough and the Greater Lansdowne Community; and, designate *El Primer Grito de Independence* on August 10th each year as a day of celebration to be recognized with cultural festivities in Lansdowne.

ADOPTED this 15th day of July, 2020


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ATTEST:


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