

RESOLUTION 2020-26

Resolution Honoring Bangladeshi Victory Day “Bangladeshi Day”

WHEREAS, The first election in the history of Pakistan was held on December 7, 1970; there were 300 seats in the parliament; East Pakistan won 160 seats and West Pakistan won 81 seats; instead of handing over the power to the winning party, they imposed martial law on East Pakistan; and

WHEREAS, March 26th is the national independence day of Bangladesh; this day is celebrated in Bangladesh and also all around the world in honor of its country's Declaration of Independence from Pakistan in the late hours of March 25, 1971, and the start of the Bangladesh Liberation War; and,

WHEREAS, East Pakistani leader Mr. Bongu Bondhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman urged the Bengali people to turn their homes into resisting forts; he said, "Our struggle is for our freedom. Our struggle is for our independence"; this speech is what mainly inspired the nation to fight for freedom; and,

WHEREAS, After a nine month long war, the Pakistani army finally surrendered unconditionally; many lives were lost but Bangladesh, as a country, gained its freedom, its independence; and

WHEREAS, the Bangladeshi Liberation War resulted in the displacement of several million people from Bangladesh and India because of the conflict; and, the war resulted in a genocide against the Bangladeshi people; and,

WHEREAS, on December 16, 1971, the armies of India and East Pakistan accepted the surrender of the Pakistan Armed Forces; thus, the surrender of Pakistan ended one of the most violent conflicts in the 20th century; and,

WHEREAS, the celebration of Victory Day on December 16th is marked by the people of Bangladesh and India since 1972; and, the recognition of the losses suffered by the Bangladeshi people and the sacrifices of the Indian nation is recognized by India with the memorial of Vijay Diwas to honor the Indian martyrs; and, the celebration in Bangladesh with the celebration of the Bangladeshi Victory Day to celebrate and honor the fighters who won independence and the memorial to those who lost their lives; and,

WHEREAS, Lansdowne Borough Council seeks to recognize the contributions and heritage of the many residents who make up the Lansdowne community; and,

WHEREAS, Lansdowne Borough Council recognizes and appreciates the contributions of the Bangladeshi community within Eastern Delaware County; and, Lansdowne Borough Council recognizes the contributions to the community within the Greater Lansdowne community and Eastern Delaware County;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that Lansdowne Borough Council recognizes and acknowledges December 16th, 2020 as “Bangladeshi Day;” and, honors the Bangladeshi community in Lansdowne Borough and the Greater Lansdowne Community; and, invites fellow officials in neighboring municipalities to participate in a flag-raising ceremony on December 16th in Lansdowne; and designate Bangladeshi Day on December 16th each year as a day of celebration to be recognized with cultural festivities in Lansdowne.



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