

RESOLUTION TO REMOVE AND RELOCATE THE CONFEDERATE STATUE AND MONUMENT LOCATED AT THE HISTORIC RANDOLPH COURTHOUSE

Whereas, in the City of Asheboro, on public property owned by the County of Randolph, in a prominent location on the grounds of the Randolph County Courthouse property, a statue of a Confederate soldier, dedicated to “our Confederate heroes” in 1911, and still, in 2022, stands as a monument to the Confederacy; and

Whereas, monuments dedicated to “Confederate heroes” are, to a significant number of Randolph County citizens, offensive and painful reminders of the legacy of slavery, racism, and racial inequality in our country; and

Whereas, the Randolph County Chapter of the NAACP has brought it to the attention of the County Commissioners that Randolph County should be known as an inclusive community, that they are not interested in destroying the monument, but that the monument should not stay where it is; and

Whereas, telling a more complete history of Randolph County in regard to the Civil War, slavery, conscription of Confederate soldiers, Quaker resistance, Union sympathizers, and facts about the activities of Randolph County citizens in the nineteenth century will hopefully enable Randolph County citizens in the twenty-first century and beyond to come to terms with our history and become a more inclusive community; and

Whereas, the continued display of this Confederate monument on public property at the Courthouse in Asheboro is antithetical to the stated public policy of the City of Asheboro to be a welcoming community to people of all backgrounds; and

Whereas, the elected Randolph County Commissioners have the authority to relocate or remove the monument because, as evidenced in other communities, Confederate monuments display the potential for unsafe and dangerous conditions which could harm the public’s health, safety, and welfare; and

Whereas, the people of Randolph County desire that the Randolph County Commissioners consider all of the residents of Randolph County and to be an inclusive and compassionate

governing body; and

Whereas, the people of Randolph County want our county to be a county of unity, to lead by example, and to be accepting of all of its citizens;

NOW THEREFORE, to accomplish these goals, it is **RESOLVED** as follows:

That the elected Commissioners of Randolph County create a committee to investigate the options which the county has to find a place where the statue of the Confederate soldier and the monument and pedestal upon which it stands as presently located on the grounds of the Randolph County courthouse property can be relocated or removed; and

That a date be set for the committee to present its report to the Commissioners; and

That, after receiving the report, the Commissioners take action to relocate or remove the statue and monument so that it will be moved to private property rather than public property or placed in an appropriate museum or park and displayed in a historical context along with other monuments to the Randolph County citizens who were present during the Civil War rather than as a public glorification of "Confederate heroes"; and

That appropriate action be taken by the Randolph County Commissioners to carry out these goals.

This the 7th day of March, 2022.

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