

RESOLUTION 2018-69

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT TO PRESENT THE CITY OF FRANKLIN'S HISTORY TO A FULLER EXTENT THROUGH THE ADDITION OF HISTORIC MARKERS AND MEMORIALS THAT COMMEMORATE THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE IN FRANKLIN

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin has a distinct history, being the site of one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin desires to expand the story of Franklin's shared history through the addition of accounts that present the African American experience; and

WHEREAS, presenting such accounts of Franklin's shared history provide an opportunity to more fully educate our community and visitors to our community; and

WHEREAS, presenting such accounts enhances the ability to tell a "fuller story" of Franklin's history that are largely unknown and often untaught; and

WHEREAS, there is an expressed desire to recognize this shared history through establishment of historic markers and memorials on the City Square and other areas of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Franklin, Tennessee, that:

The City of Franklin is committed to the telling and preserving our shared history, and shall support efforts to present Franklin's history in a fully inclusive manner. The addition of these facts shall provide an opportunity to broaden the story of Franklin's history and is done so with the ambition of unity.

Specifically, the City of Franklin shall support:

1. The establishment of additional historic markers on the area in and/or around the City Square that reflect elements of the community's history related to the experience of African Americans before, during, and after the American Civil War; and
2. Community efforts to erect a statue honoring the approximately 300 United States Colored Troops from Franklin and Williamson County that served in the Civil War.

IT IS SO RESOLVED AND DONE on this _____ day of _____, 2018.

ATTEST:

CITY OF FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE:

By: _____
Eric S. Stuckey
City Administrator

By: _____
Dr. Ken Moore
Mayor

Approved as to Form

By: _____

Shauna Billingsley, City Attorney