

RESOLUTION #2024- 3

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY AND ALLYSHIP IN ITS DESIRE TO HOUSE THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S FIRST FLORIDA MUSEUM OF BLACK HISTORY PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, On May 11, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis signed into law CS/CS/HB 1441 (Chapter 2023-72, Laws of Florida) relating to a Florida Museum of Black History Task Force. The bill created a nine-member task force to provide recommendations for the planning, construction, operation, and administration of a Florida Museum of Black History.

WHEREAS, the Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Bureau of Historical Museums showcases Florida's rich history and culture and tells the story of this great state;

WHEREAS, the Historic Town of Eatonville, incorporated in 1887, is the oldest incorporated African American Municipality in the nation; and, still exists today;

WHEREAS, the story of the Town of Eatonville is a rich story of African American freedmen who had the foresight to create a space to live, work, and play while creating a history of economic growth and sustainability;

WHEREAS, having the state's first Florida Museum of Black History be located within a town that represents living history, is the strongest story that can be told and the sincerest legacy that can be created;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: SOLIDARITY AND ALLYSHIP: The town council is unified in its desire to have the state's first Florida Museum of Black History be located within its town's boundaries;

SECTION TWO: DUTIES: The town council and administration is committed to following all necessary steps and best practices to sustain the effective operations of such an asset;

SECTION THREE: CONFLICTS: All Resolution or parts of Resolutions in conflict with any other Resolution or any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION FOUR: SEVERABILITY: If any section or portion of a section of this Resolution is found to be invalid, unlawful or unconstitutional it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or part of this Resolution.

SECTION FIVE: EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of February, 2024.

Angie Gardner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Veronica King, Town Clerk