



RESOLUTION

FROM THE DESK OF THE
EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Recognition of the Old African-American Cemetery at Ebenezer

WHEREAS, history indicates the Old African-American Cemetery at Ebenezer has been used as a burial ground for enslaved African-American's from the mid eighteenth century through the U.S. Civil War, and afterwards for the newly freed community into the early twentieth century;

WHEREAS, the portion of the cemetery designated for the African-American community was neglected, with minimal or no upkeep for decades after it was no longer used as a burial site;

WHEREAS, the past several years' members of the NAACP, the Effingham Master Gardeners Association and the community at large have spent countless hours cleaning up the abandoned cemetery;

WHEREAS, more than a few community businesses, groups and individuals have donated to the revitalization process and up-keep of the cemetery grounds;

WHEREAS, the previous five years the NAACP and Master Gardeners Association have held a wreath-laying and remembrance service for those buried in the Old African-American Cemetery at Ebenezer, including remembering those drowned and murdered during the Ebenezer Creek Massacre on December 9, 1864

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Effingham County, Georgia join in solemn reverence and memory and declare Saturday, February 26, 2022, a day of commemoration in Effingham County of those buried in the Old African-American cemetery at Ebenezer as well as those who perished at Ebenezer Creek

Humbly submitted this 15th day of February, in the Year of our Lord, 2022.

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