

RESOLUTION APPROVING HISTORICAL MARKER HONORING MANLEY MCCAULEY

WHEREAS, the Orange County Community Remembrance Coalition (OCCRC) formed organically in the summer of 2018, in response to the opening of the National Memorial for Peace and Justice at the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, AL; and

WHEREAS, the group of friends and colleagues in Orange County, NC, convened a meeting to talk about the pressing need to recognize the sufferings and sacrifices of our foremothers and forefathers in ways that would respect them and their descendants, as well as the affected communities, past and present; and

WHEREAS, the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society; and

WHEREAS, The Town Council makes amends because Black people have been unjustly enslaved, segregated, incarcerated, starting with the Resolution Supporting Reparations for Black Carrboro adopted October 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, OCCRC is working directly with the EJI to design, and offset expenditures for historical markers in Orange County to recognize the victims of lynching that occurred in the county community; and

WHEREAS, OCCRC is seeking approval for the installation of a historical marker in the vicinity of Carrboro Town Hall to recognize Manley McCauley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCauley was a victim lynched in the vicinity of what is now called Carrboro Town Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro supports the work of OCCRC and is dedicated to advancing racial equity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO

RESOLVES:

Section 1. Approves the historical marker installation for Manley McCauley.

Section 2. Authorizes the Town Manager to enter into a MOU outlining the maintenance of the historical marker.

Section 3. Town staff will work with OCCRC on installing the historical marker at location Attachment G 1 and the unveiling ceremony.

Section 4. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.