

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SYKESVILLE SUPPORTING THE ALLOCATION OF SPACE AT THE SITE OF THE OLD ROBERT MOTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR A MUSEUM.

WHEREAS, prior to the desegregation of public schools in Carroll County, Maryland, students then referred to as colored could only receive a high school education at the Robert Moton High School, originally located in the 1930s at the intersection of Charles and Church Streets in Westminster, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the school subsequently relocated to a site on South Center Street in 1949; and continues to operate as a segregated school until 1965; and

WHEREAS, the Robert Moton High School has an important place in the history of Westminster, Carroll County, and the African American community; and

WHEREAS, the Robert Moton High School gave an education to many people in the Westminster area who have made an important and lasting contribution to our community, including one of the area's best-known citizens, former Maryland State Treasurer and member of the Maryland House of Delegates, Richard N. Dixon; and

WHEREAS, the site of the former Robert Moton High School is now in use by the Carroll County Commissioners as offices for various government agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Former Students and Friends of Robert Moton High School, Inc. was established more than 50 years ago by the alumni of Robert Moton High School in recognition of the importance of the education they received and the extraordinary sense of community created amongst those who attended the school; and

WHEREAS, the Former Students and Friends of Robert Moton High School, Inc. has asked the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County to allocate a portion of the site as space for a museum of African American history in Carroll County; and

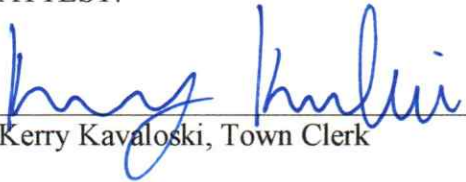
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council consider this an appropriate and fitting use of this historic site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Sykesville that the Town supports the request of the Former Students and Friends of Robert Moton High School, Inc; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County.

THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SYKESVILLE THIS 21TH DAY OF APRIL, 2023.

ATTEST:


Kerry Kavaloski, Town Clerk


Stacy Link, Mayor


Anna Carter, Council President


Mark Dyer, Council Member


Al Grasley, Council Member


Elizabeth Guroff, Council Member


Leo Keenan, Council Member

Jeremiah Schofield, Council Member