



Proclamation
Resolution of Support for Equal Justice Initiative's Community Remembrance Project

WHEREAS, the Equal Justice Initiative's Community Remembrance Project was founded to recognize victims of lynching by collecting soil from lynching sites, erecting historical markers, and creating memorials that recognize racial injustice.; and

WHEREAS, the lynching of Mr. John Henry James on July 12, 1898 was determined to have taken place at Wood's Crossing in the County of Albemarle; his body shot 70 times and his corpse hanging for hours; and

WHEREAS, local organizers are using the Equal Justice Initiative's Community Remembrance Project to bring awareness of this traumatic history, to foster a community dialogue, and to forge bonds of empathy and community healing through the memorialization of the lynching of Mr. James; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors supports the sentiment of the Equal Justice Initiative that a history of racial injustice must be acknowledged and mass atrocities and abuse must be recognized and remembered before a society can recover from mass violence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors do hereby recognize and support the memorialization of the lynching of Mr. John Henry James in remembrance of our shared community history so that we may all ensure that these kinds of tragedies will be neither forgotten nor repeated.

Signed this 5th day of July, 2018

*Ann H. Mallek, Chair
Albemarle Board of County Supervisors*