

**RESOLUTION 2020-010**

A resolution requesting the Calloway County Fiscal Court take necessary action and seek all required approvals to expeditiously remove and relocate the “Confederate Soldier” statue located on the northeast corner of the Calloway County Courthouse property for its preservation.

**WHEREAS**, monuments to confederate soldiers and military leaders, which were installed in Calloway County and many other communities in the South in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries by white southerners seeking to preserve the ideology of the Confederacy, are widely perceived as offensive and painful public reminders of the legacy of slavery and present realities of systemic racism in our country; and

**WHEREAS**, a memorial monument known as the “Confederate Soldier” in the likeness of Robert E. Lee is located at the county courthouse; and

**WHEREAS**, monuments of the Confederacy named for prominent members of the Confederacy have continued to be symbols of the refusal of some to allow full and equal participation in society by Americans of African ancestry; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Murray recognizes that the legacy of slavery, and ongoing systemic racism directly harm public safety and public health; and

**WHEREAS**, the confederate statue located on the northeast corner of the Calloway County Courthouse property has been placed on the list for the Military Heritage Commission and the National Historic Society and that its removal and/or relocation can be requested by the Calloway County Fiscal Court to secure the statue’s preservation and relocation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Murray is committed to promoting racial equity and justice, and desire to express the commitment through a resolution.


**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, by the Murray City Council:

That the Murray City Council requests that the Calloway County Fiscal Court take necessary action and seek all required approvals to expeditiously remove and relocate the “Confederate Soldier” statue located on the northeast corner of the Calloway County Courthouse property for its preservation.

Done this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

  
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Bob Rogers, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Danna Clayton, City Clerk