

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01
NAMING THE CARRSVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD AS AN
AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the now-abandoned City of Hamburg was the location of a an incident having implications for national and state elections of 1876; and

WHEREAS eight men were killed in a confrontation between the African-American militia and a large group of whites; and

WHEREAS, seven of the eight men who were killed were African-Americans residing in Hamburg; and

WHEREAS, Savannah River floods in 1929 essentially destroyed and washed away the buildings and residences in Hamburg, forcing residents to relocate; a large percentage of whom chose the Carrsville area, uphill from Hamburg; and

WHEREAS, the remnants of the First Providence Baptist Church building, founded in Hamburg in 1860, were relocated to Carrsville following the 1929 floods, and approximately the same time the Society Building was constructed in Carrsville, where both buildings remain standing today; and

WHEREAS, members of the committee appointed by *Resolution 2019-10, A Resolution Providing Findings about the Hamburg Incident of 1876 and Appointing Members of a Committee to Evaluate Options for an Additional Display in John C. Calhoun Park*, concluded the First Providence Baptist Church and Society Building are suited to be the nucleus of what could become an African-American Historical District.

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Archives and History is the agency authorized to designate an area as an Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the committee members also concluded Carrsville is the location within the City of North Augusta appropriate to emphasize African-American accomplishments, especially those during and after Reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, Hamburg and Carrsville are linked by proximity, events and history, Carrsville is the logical choice to tell the story of Hamburg, from its founding through its destruction, and of the growth of Carrsville and African-American accomplishments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Augusta, South Carolina, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, the area along Barton Road west of Buena Vista Avenue shall be designated as the "Hamburg-Carrsville African American Heritage District.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 4th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.



Robert A. Pettit, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sharon Lamar
City Clerk