CITY RESOLUTION NO. CR-025-2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE LAFAYETTE MAYOR-PRESIDENT TO REMOVE THE GENERAL ALFRED MOUTON STATUE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Lafayette City Council, that:

WHEREAS, the City of Lafayette is committed to conducting its affairs in a lawful manner, promoting an orderly society, and upholding democratic values; and

WHEREAS, in recent years there have been protests asking that the statue of General Alfred Mouton (the "Mouton Statue") be removed because of his role as a slave owner; and

WHEREAS, all protests and rallies led by Lafayette residents have been peaceful and respectful; and

WHEREAS, in recent months, confederate and other monuments across America have been removed; and

WHEREAS, in 1821, Jean Mouton donated a parcel of land to the community known as Vermilionville, for a courthouse and cathedral, and became known as the founder of Vermilionville; and

WHEREAS, in 1884, Vermilionville became the City of Lafayette; and

WHEREAS, in 1922, the United Daughters of the Confederacy Alfred Mouton Chapter #1514 and the Louisiana Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy donated the Mouton Statue to the City of Lafayette, without condition, and erected it on property owned by the City of Lafayette, where it is presently located in front of the Old City Hall; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, a lawsuit was filed to prevent the Mouton Statue from being moved to the new City Hall, resulting in the court issuing a permanent injunction prohibiting the Mayor of Lafayette and City of Lafayette from relocating the Mouton Statue from its present location to any other location; and

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Mayor-President has instructed the Legal Department to seek to vacate the permanent injunction to allow the City of Lafayette to remove the Mouton Statue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Lafayette City Council, that:

SECTION 1: All of the aforedescribed "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this resolution.

SECTION 2: The Lafayette City Council supports and encourages the Lafayette Mayor-President in his efforts to vacate the permanent injunction and allow the City of Lafayette to remove the Mouton Statue.

SECTION 3: All resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Lewis, Naquin, Hebert, Cook, Lazard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 21st day of July, 2020.

VERONICA L. WILLIAMS
LAFAYETTE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

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LAFAYETTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL FORM

1) **JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:** A resolution of the Lafayette City Council supporting the efforts of the Lafayette Mayor-President to remove the General Alfred Mouton statue.

2) **ACTION REQUESTED:** Adoption of Resolution

3) **REQUESTED ACTION OF LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL:**

A) INTRODUCTION: 07-21-2020

B) FINAL ADOPTION: 07-21-2020

4) **DOCUMENTATION INCLUDED WITH THIS REQUEST:**

A) Resolution

B) Submittal Form

5) **FISCAL IMPACT:**

_____Fiscal Impact (Explain)

__X_____No Fiscal Impact

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