

RESOLUTION NO. 20-_____

WHEREAS, on or about November 21, 1905, a monument was dedicated to the Confederate dead by the Virginia Clay Clopton Chapter #1107 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy of Huntsville, which monument was placed on what is now the Westside Square on the west side of the Madison County Courthouse, next to the southwest entrance steps; and

WHEREAS, said Confederate monument and accompanying Confederate monument marker constitute a painful reminder of a bygone era where certain of our citizens were deprived of their basic freedoms based upon the color of their skin; and

WHEREAS, the presence of the Confederate monument, and the accompanying Confederate monument marker, has served in recent times to incite the emotions of our citizens whose ancestors were most negatively impacted by the circumstances of the times to which it refers, and to inflame bitterness, division and strife between our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Confederate monument, and accompanying Confederate monument marker, currently reside on property owned and controlled by Madison County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Commission has, by Resolution, stated its opinion that the Confederate monument should be relocated from its current location, and has instructed the Chairman of the Madison County Commission to identify a more suitable location for the Confederate monument, and to petition the Committee on Alabama Monument Protection for a waiver under the Alabama Monument Protection Act of 2017, so that the Confederate monument can thereby be lawfully removed from its current location; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that the Mayor is hereby directed and authorized to cooperate with the Chairman of the Madison County Commission to expeditiously determine an appropriate location to which the Confederate monument, and the accompanying Confederate monument marker, can be removed; and to support the efforts of the Madison County Commission to arrange for such removal and relocation as soon as possible, including participation in expenses related to such effort; and to do whatever else is reasonably necessary to accomplish the stated goal of removing said monument from its current location.

ADOPTED this the ____ day of _____, 2020.

President of the City Council
of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama

APPROVED this the ____ day of _____, 2020.

Mayor of the City of
Huntsville, Alabama