

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION OF 57TH FREEDOM FUND DINNER FOR THE LANSING NAACP

WHEREAS, The Lansing Branch of the NAACP is will hold its 57th Freedom Fund Dinner on Saturday, October 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) works at the local, state, and national levels to ensure equality of all citizens and to eliminate and remove all barriers of racial discrimination; and

WHEREAS, The NAACP Fighting Fund for Freedom (aka Freedom Fund Banquet), began in 1953 (on a national level) as a ten-year program to intensify efforts to complete the job of emancipation; and

WHEREAS, near the culmination of the Freedom Fund effort, Medgar W. Evers, a heroic NAACP Mississippi Field Secretary, was killed by an assassin's bullet. Mr. Evers' murder prompted the NAACP Chairman, Bishop Stephen Spottswood, to pay tribute to this gallant warrior at the NAACP Convention in Chicago, Illinois, in July 1963. He did so by proclaiming that the NAACP Fighting Fund for Freedom would continue until the job of emancipation was complete; and

WHEREAS, locally, the Lansing Branch of the NAACP is committed to doing the necessary work to secure political, educational, social, and economic equality to ensure the end of race-based discrimination and lead to better health and well-being for all persons..

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that on this eighteenth day of September two-thousand twenty-three the Delta Township Board does hereby recognize and celebrate the 57th Freedom Fund Dinner for the Lansing NAACP and commend and thank them for their immense contributions to the Delta Township Community and the greater Lansing region.

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