

**CITY OF LEXINGTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 01-21**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, NORTH  
CAROLINA, REQUESTING THE REMOVAL AND/OR RELOCATION OF THE  
DAVIDSON COUNTY CONFEDERATE MONUMENT LOCATED AT THE  
SOUTHEAST QUADRANT OF THE DAVIDSON COUNTY SQUARE  
IN UPTOWN LEXINGTON, NC**

**WHEREAS**, monuments to Confederate military leaders and soldiers, which were installed in Lexington and many other communities in the South in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries are offensive and painful public reminders of the legacy of slavery, racism and racial inequality in our country; and

**WHEREAS**, a Confederate Monument, which currently stands on the southeast quadrant of the Davidson County Square in Uptown Lexington at the intersecting corner of South Main Street and East Center Street, is situated on property owned and maintained by Davidson County, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 14, 1905, the Confederate Monument was erected by the Robert E. Lee Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, No. 324; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lexington recognizes North Carolina General Statute 100-2.1(c) governs action to remove and/or relocate confederate monuments from public property; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Lexington stands firm against racism and racial inequality, and in support of justice for all; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lexington has endorsed '*7 Keys to Becoming a City of Choice*' and one of those keys, '*City of Unity*' specifically addresses unifying the community and the commitment to **promoting a safe, inclusive, welcoming, warm and inviting community**; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued public display of the Confederate Monument in Uptown Lexington is antithetical to the stated public policy of the City of Lexington to be a welcoming community to people of all backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, as evidenced in other communities, confederate monuments display the potential for unsafe and dangerous conditions, which could harm the public's health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lexington strives to ensure safety and respect for all and embody the values of diversity, social responsibility, racial justice and positive progress in the 21st Century, therefore, respectfully requests the removal and/or relocation of the Confederate Monument from its current location in Lexington, NC;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of

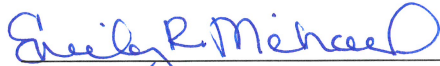
Lexington, North Carolina hereby affirms its unified support to respectfully request Davidson County remove and/or relocate outside the city limits the Confederate Monument from its current location on the southeast quadrant of the Davidson County square in Uptown Lexington.

This the 13th day of July, 2020.



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Newell Clark, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Emily R. Michael, NCCMC  
Deputy City Clerk

