

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG
AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS GRANT APPLICATION**

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrisonburg City Council held on Tuesday September 26, 2023, on a motion by Council Member Robins, seconded by Council Member Jones the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 5 to 0 :

WHEREAS, the National Park Service seeks to fund physical preservation projects at properties on the National Historic Register associated with the history of the African American struggle to gain equal rights, as established by the African American Civil Rights Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF HARRISONBURG CITY COUNCIL desires to submit an application for the allocation of funds for the Lucy F. Simms School Rehabilitation and Preservation Project; and

WHEREAS, the project repairs rust damage on the Simms Center's original window frames and lintels by removing rust and priming, painting, and reglazing windows and lintels; and

WHEREAS, the project prevents future routine and extreme weather related damage to the original windows by installing storm windows over the existing windows ; and

WHEREAS, the project improves energy efficiency at the Lucy F. Simms Center by installing storm windows; and

WHEREAS, the project ensures the continued preservation of a significant historical landmark associated with African American education in the City of Harrisonburg's Northeast neighborhood for a minimum of ten years through the creation of a preservation covenant or easement; and

WHEREAS, the project has received an Opinion of Eligibility letter from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Historic Resources for its association with African American civil rights

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The HARRISONBURG CITY COUNCIL hereby supports this application for the improvements described to compete for federal funding under the African American Civil Rights Grant Program.

ADOPTED this 26th day of September, 2023.


Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST:


Pam Ulmer, City Clerk