

Wilmington, Delaware
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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Darby**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-363 of the City Code, grant applications, proposals, and funds received from external sources must be submitted to Council for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Wilmington Convention and Visitors Bureau has committed to contribute \$5,000 to the Wilmington City Council to support a brochure and interactive digital map highlighting sites with particular significance to the development of the African American community in the City of Wilmington, State of Delaware, and nationally; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington has a vibrant and enduring legacy of history and culture. There are numerous sites and structures located within the City limits that are demonstrative of the rich contributions of Wilmington's African American community. Some of these locations include, the Louis L. Redding House, the family home of Delaware's first African American attorney; the original location of the Monday Club, which is believed to be the oldest social club for African American men in the nation; the burial place of the renowned abolitionist and Underground Railroad conductor, Thomas Garrett; and the site of the August Quarterly, the longest running African American religious festival in the nation; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness of Wilmington's African American historical sites through the creation of brochures and an interactive digital map highlighting these locations provides an opportunity for residents and visitors to learn and appreciate the City's rich cultural legacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that this Council hereby approves the issuance of funds from the Greater

Wilmington Convention and Visitors Bureau to the City of Wilmington for the creation of brochures and an interactive digital map of Wilmington's African American historical sites.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the development of these resources will help promote public awareness and appreciation of Wilmington's African American history.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution approves grant funding from the Greater Wilmington Convention and Visitors Bureau to the City of Wilmington for the creation of brochures and an interactive digital map highlighting Wilmington's African American historical sites to promote public awareness and appreciation of the City's rich cultural legacy.