

Resolution 2019-10

WHEREAS, St. Agatha's Episcopal Church, founded in 1890, has played an important role in historic preservation for the City of DeFuniak Springs, and

WHEREAS, the church building itself is the oldest in continuous use and the only remaining church from the Chautauqua era within the city, and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has seen fit, in the past, to provide grant funds to the church to ensure its physical survival through the present century, and

WHEREAS, both the Church and its two companion properties (Morris House, the Parish House and Murray House, the School for Ministry) are local landmarks and are contributing sites in the city's historic district which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and

WHEREAS, work is now required to preserve and restore the Charles E. Murray House that is also used for educational, cultural, civic, and tourism purposes to benefit the region, the surrounding community, as well as for the city, and

WHEREAS, Charles E. Murray, represents an important businessman of this city and of the Chautauqua era, who supplied much needed recreation via his theater and outdoor recreational activities that included a ferris wheel and carousel for many years,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the DeFuniak Springs City Council endorses and supports St. Agatha's Episcopal Church in its quest for a Florida Division of Historical Resources special category grant for the preservation and restoration of The Charles E. Murray House, a significant historic structure, and that the members of St. Agatha's Episcopal Church be applauded for their consistent productive efforts to preserve the structures, traditions and ambience of our historic city.

ADOPTED by the DeFuniak Springs City Council this 25th day of March, 2019.


Mayor Robert "Bob" Campbell

ATTEST:


City Clerk Loretta Laird, CMC