

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF NEW KENT  
VIRGINIA**

**R-50-16**

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of New Kent held in the Boardroom of the Administration Building in New Kent, Virginia, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016:

Present:	Vote:
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
W.R. Davis, Jr.	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye

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Motion was made by Mr. Davis, which carried 5:0, to adopt the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
SECOND LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH  
ON THE OCCASION OF ITS  
150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Second Liberty Baptist Church, the first predominately black church in New Kent County, has served and uplifted members of the community for 150 years; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1865, former members of Emmaus Baptist Church and individuals who had recently moved from Charles City County formed a prayer group that met in members' homes; and

**WHEREAS**, as the congregation grew in size, the Reverend William Harvey Patterson saw an opportunity to make a difference in the community and encouraged members to donate land and supplies for the creation of a brush arbor and, later, a church building in Quinton; and

**WHEREAS**, Second Liberty Baptist Church was officially recognized in 1866 with the Reverend J. W. Collins and the Reverend Thomas Bailey serving as the first two Pastors; Dr. Andrew Harvey Cumber, the first professionally trained black minister in the county, became the Pastor in the 1870s and served for the next 38 years; and

**WHEREAS**, William H. Brisby, an original trustee and the first church clerk, went on to serve in the Virginia General Assembly from 1869 to 1871 and was also elected as Justice of the Peace for New Kent County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Reverend William Gray served as Pastor of Second Liberty Baptist Church in the early twentieth century, and under the leadership of Dr. John Kemp from 1915 to 1921 and Dr. Miles Mark Fisher from 1921 to 1928, a new building was constructed; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1928, Dr. George W. Watkins became the Pastor of Second Liberty Baptist Church; over his 43-year tenure, he encouraged members of the congregation to become leaders in the community and oversaw many enhancements to the church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Reverend James W. Mills became the Pastor of Second Liberty Baptist Church in 1972, and he was succeeded by the Reverend Nathaniel Todd Lewis, serving as Interim Pastor, and the Reverend Milton Hathaway, who was a staunch advocate for African Americans in New Kent County; and

**WHEREAS**, on the occasion of Second Liberty Baptist Church's 140th anniversary in 2006, the church installed the Reverend Lewis R. Yancey, II as its Pastor, who reconstructed existing ministries and added new ones to empower God's people to do God's work; succeeded by Reverend Joy M. Taylor, serving as Interim Pastor; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, Second Liberty Baptist Church installed and today is ably led by Reverend Sean T. Young as her eleventh Pastor; and

**WHEREAS**, over the years, Second Liberty Baptist Church has become an essential part of the New Kent County community; welcoming people from all walks of life, the church has succeeded in its mission to provide fellowship and worship to the congregation and support and outreach to the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the New Kent Board of Supervisors, that the New Kent Board of Supervisors hereby commends Second Liberty Baptist Church for 150 years of service to New Kent County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Sean T. Young, Pastor of Second Liberty Baptist Church, as an expression of New Kent County's admiration for the church's storied history and many contributions to the community.

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016



Rodney A. Hathaway  
County Administrator



Ron Stiers  
Chairman