RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
ESTABLISHING A RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2020, the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park adopted Resolution 20-R-16, “Renouncing Systematic Racism and Declaring Support of Black Lives” whereby the Mayor and Council voted unanimously to “acknowledge and apologize for our City’s past history of oppression, particularly with regards to the Lakeland community, and actively seek opportunities for accountability and truth-telling about past injustice, and aggressively seek opportunities for restorative justice” (Attachment 1); and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2021, the Mayor and Council established a Restorative Justice Steering Committee (“RJSC”) to recommend the scope of work, membership, process, facilitation, and training, for a Restorative Justice Commission that would subsequently be established; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2021, the RJSC presented its report to the Mayor and Council (Attachment 2); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby acknowledge with appreciation the work of the RJSC, accept their report with gratitude, and discharge the Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council now desire to establish the City of College Park Restorative Justice Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park that the Restorative Justice Commission be, and it is hereby, established, as follows:

1. **Mission and Purpose:** Using the report of the Restorative Justice Steering Committee as a foundation, the Restorative Justice Commission (“RJC”) will focus on the rebirth and preservation of the Lakeland community; explain the community’s history with an understanding of the harms that were caused to the residents of Lakeland by the actions of the City and other agencies during Urban Renewal, and any and all actions or occurrences before and after; develop plans and propose concrete restorative actions to the Mayor and Council to redress the harms impacting current and past Lakeland residents and their descendants. This process will be carried out with the inclusion/involvement of the Diaspora of the Lakeland Community. The RJC will focus on these restorative action Strategy Areas: Transportation, Education, Public Safety, Sustainability, and Revitalization and Redevelopment.

2. **Membership:** The RJC will be composed of between 15-21 members who shall be appointed by the Mayor and Council for three-year terms. In making appointments to the
RJC, the Mayor and Council shall be guided by the recommendations of the Restorative Justice Steering Committee. The Commission may utilize sub committees containing committee and non-committee members in order to carry out their work. The City Manager will appoint a staff member to be the Staff Liaison. This is a non-compensated Commission.

3. **Chair:** The members shall elect the Commission Chair annually. A Vice-Chair may be elected as deemed appropriate by the Commission. The Chair (and Vice-Chair, if applicable) may serve additional terms.

4. **Meetings:** The Commission shall meet monthly.

5. **Funding:** Requests for funding will be approved by the Mayor and Council and/or the City Manager.

6. **Use of Consultants:** Upon agreement of the Mayor and Council and/or the City Manager, the Commission may engage subject matter experts and consultants to assist them in the Restorative Justice process. City procedures for procurement of such services will be followed. Such subject matter experts and consultants will not be counted among the members of the RJC.

7. **Reports to Council:** The Commission shall report at least annually to the Mayor and Council and more often as needed to advance their work.

**ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park at a regular meeting on the **14th** day of **December**, 2021.

**EFFECTIVE** the **14th** day of **December**, 2021.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY