

RESOLUTION 2026 – 020

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE DISPLAY OF AN EXHIBIT OF “THE BEFORE SLAVERY EXPERIENCE – BUNCE ISLAND – THE SIERRE LEONE AND GEORGIA CONNECTION” IN THE LOBBY OF CITY HALL IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH FROM FEBRUARY 1 TO MARCH 30, 2026; AUTHORIZING A GRAND OPENING OF THE DISPLAY ON FEBRUARY 1, 2026; AUTHORIZING EXTENDED CITY HALL HOURS ON SUNDAYS FROM 2PM TO 4PM DURING THE EXHIBIT SHOWING; HOSTING A RECEPTION AND LECTURE TO CONCLUDE THE EXHIBIT; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$10,000 OF CONTINGENCY FUNDS TO COVER EXPENSES RELATED TO HOSTING THE EXHIBIT AT CITY HALL; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AGREEMENT THAT MAY BE NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE EXHIBIT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS The Before Slavery Experience solicited permission from the City of Powder Springs to display its exhibit “The Before Slavery Experience – Bunce Island – Sierre Leone and Georgia Connection” from February 1, 2026 through the end of March 2026; and

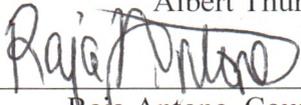
WHEREAS the City desires to accommodate the request and to allow the Exhibit to be displayed for public viewing during regular business hours and on Sundays from 2pm-4pm from February 1 to March 26, 2026 when the exhibit concludes with a lecture by the curator KSU professor, Seneca Vaught to further the City’s strategic priorities of Creating Destinations and Creating an Atmosphere of Community.

WHEREAS the City further desires to authorize the expenditure of contingency dollars of an amount of up to \$10,000 to cover expenses related to the exhibit showing, including the delivery and set up of the exhibit materials, hosting a reception, printing and delivering invitations to the reception, personnel overtime costs to cover staffing on exhibit Sundays, and insurance coverage for the exhibit

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Powder Springs that it approves the display of an exhibit for two months in recognition of Black History Month, extended hours on Sundays from 2pm-4pm for public viewing, hosting a reception for elected officials, exhibit board representatives and KSU representatives, staff overtime costs, print and postage costs associated with invitations, delivery and set up of exhibit items and insurance coverage for an amount of up to \$10,000 of contingency dollars.

SO RESOLVED AND EFFECTIVE this 2nd day of February 2026.

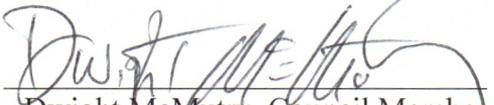

Albert Thurman, Mayor


Raja Antone, Council Member

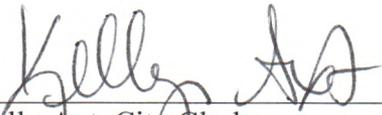

Doris Dawkins, Council Member

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Dwayne Green, Council Member


Dwight McMurtry, Council Member


Patricia Wisdom, Council Member

Attest: 
Kelly Axt, City Clerk