

RESOLUTION REMOVING “JOHN C. CALHOUN”  
FROM THE PUBLIC SQUARE SITUATED AT  
ABERCORN AND EAST WAYNE STREETS

WHEREAS, in 1851 the public square situated at Abercorn and East Wayne Streets was named Calhoun Square in honor of South Carolina statesman and former Vice President of the United States John C. Calhoun; and

WHEREAS, Calhoun was known to have supported the institution of slavery; and

WHEREAS, Calhoun had no known ties to the City of Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, at the October 26, 2022 meeting of the City Council, the Mayor and Alderman received extensive feedback from members of the community regarding officially removing Calhoun’s name from said square; and

WHEREAS, certain residents of properties adjacent to Calhoun Square have petitioned City Council to officially remove Calhoun’s name from the square; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen support official removal of Calhoun’s name from the square situated at Abercorn and East Wayne Streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the public square situated at Abercorn and East Wayne Streets shall no longer be known as Calhoun Square; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby directed to take all steps necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of November, 2022.

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Van R. Johnson II  
Mayor

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Mark Massey  
Clerk of Council