

August 23, 2023

WHEREAS, the Office of Arts and Culture, in collaboration with Dallas Water Utilities, seeks designation of 110 West Commerce Street as a location for a memorial plaque to mark the tragic lynching of William Allen Taylor on September 12, 1884; and

WHEREAS, the designated location is under the jurisdiction of Dallas Water Utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Arts and Culture will be responsible for regular maintenance and upkeep of the memorial plaque once it is installed; and

WHEREAS, the Dallas County Justice Initiative and Remembering Black Dallas, Inc. have worked with the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama to have the memorial plaque fabricated to memorialize this event in the City's history; and

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2022, the City Council approved the City's first Racial Equity Plan to ensure that the City continues to work towards equity and inclusion by Resolution No. 22-1236; and

WHEREAS, the placement of the memorial plaque will help further the goals of the Racial Equity Plan by acknowledging Dallas' history and educating residents.

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That 110 West Commerce Street is designated as a location for a memorial plaque to mark the tragic lynching of William Allen Taylor on September 12, 1884.

SECTION 2. That a certified copy of this resolution be filed in the deed records of Dallas County, Texas.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.