

MOTION:

**October 20, 2020
Regular Meeting**

SECOND:

Res. No. 20-

RE: TRANSFER \$5,000 FROM CONTINGENCY AND AUTHORIZE A \$5,000 DONATION TO THE MANASSAS MUSEUM ASSOCIATES FOR THE JENNIE DEAN MEMORIAL PROJECT

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Supervisors issued Directive 20-73 on September 22, 2020, for a resolution authorizing a \$5,000 donation from Contingency or other funding source for the Jennie Dean Memorial in Manassas; and

WHEREAS, born into slavery in 1848, Jennie Dean's vision changed the lives of countless African Americans in Prince William County, Manassas, and the region by providing education opportunities; and

WHEREAS, after almost a decade of fundraising, Jennie Dean helped establish the Manassas Industrial School for Colored Youth, chartered on October 7, 1893, which provided academic and vocational instruction; and

WHEREAS, the Manassas Industrial School/Jennie Dean Memorial commemorates Jennie Dean's life, and historical contributions and was originally dedicated in 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Manassas Industrial School/Jennie Dean Memorial is part of the Manassas Museum System, and is open to the public at-large to visit and learn about the historical events of Jennie Dean's life; and

WHEREAS, the Manassas Museum System and Manassas Museum Associates, a 501(c)(3) created to support the Manassas Museum System, are working to update the Jennie Dean Memorial to encourage more residents of Prince William County, Manassas and the region to visit and learn about Jennie Dean's ever-lasting vision; and

WHEREAS, Phase One of the \$350,000 project includes the construction and installation of a bronze statue of Jennie Dean and a surrounding landscaped plaza ("Jennie Dean Memorial Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors wishes to honor Jennie Dean's legacy with a \$5,000 donation to the Jennie Dean Memorial Project; and

WHEREAS, Section 15.2-953, VA Code Ann., authorizes localities to appropriate public funds and donations to any charitable institution or association, located within their respective limits or outside their limits if such institution or association provides services to residents of the locality, and authorizes localities to make like gifts and donations to nonprofit organizations and agencies engaged in commemorating historical events; and

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WHEREAS, the entity accepting donations for the Jennie Dean Memorial Project is Manassas Museum Associates, the 501(c)(3) organization that supports the Manassas Museum System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby transfers \$5,000 from Contingency and authorizes a \$5,000 donation to the Manassas Museum Associates for the Jennie Dean Memorial Project.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

Office of Management and Budget

ATTEST: _____

Clerk to the Board