

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR A STATE HISTORICAL MARKER IN
GREENSBORO TO COMMEMORATE THE ALTERCATION BETWEEN THE
COMMUNIST WORKERS PARTY AND MEMBERS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
AND THE AMERICAN NAZI PARTY IN THE MORNINGSIDE HOMES
NEIGHBORHOOD ON NOVEMBER 3, 1979

WHEREAS, on November 3, 1979, the Communist Workers Party, assembled at the Morningside Homes in Greensboro, NC to organize industrial workers and to have a Death to the Klan rally. A group of Ku Klux Klan and American Nazi Party members appeared at the rally. Gun fire erupted which resulted in the death of five people and the wounding of ten other people;

WHEREAS, the November 3, 1979 incident gained national attention and led to the establishment of the first Truth Commission in the United States in Greensboro, North Carolina on June 12, 2004;

WHEREAS, the City is dedicated to achieving civil rights, a livable wage, a stronger tax base, free speech and a safe community for all persons regardless of race, color, gender, gender identity, gender expression, religion, age, political affiliation, national origin, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability or genetic information. The proposed historical marker is important to preserve local history and showing the City's commitment to achieving civil rights for all people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

Section 1. That we do hereby support the marker commemorating the shootings and deaths of some people attending the rally at the Morningside Homes in Greensboro on November 3, 1979 with the following changes in wording to the proposed historical marker:

CHANGES TO BE INSERTED AFTER DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING.

Section 2. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.