

**Resolution authorizing the contract agreement with the Alabama Civil Right Tourism Association to operate and execute a Civil Rights tour that will support our ongoing education regarding the complex, continuous work of advancing racial equality. (Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) (\$73,982.00)**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association (ACRTA) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to expand engagement with Civil Rights history through first-hand encounters with the people and at the historic sites that played significant roles in the African American struggle for equality and social justice; and

**WHEREAS**, since its founding in 2019, the Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association has made its goal to build an organization based on sustainable tourism and education. They endeavor to create a better society, celebrate, and preserve our shared cultural legacy and pass it on to the next generation. Part of the proceeds of their tourism activities is dedicated to supporting Alabama middle and high school students from underserved communities to access historical civil right sites and connect them and the visitors to the people of the movement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners will get to embark in a historical pilgrimage through Mississippi and Tennessee, to discover how Soul music and the Civil Rights movements are inextricably linked. This experience will set an inspirational direction for our work in our community and position us to be the leaders we aspire to be, because so much of our success in life comes from standing on the shoulders of those who came before us, those who fought in the battlegrounds where the struggle for freedom, justice and creative expression began; and

**WHEREAS**, Franklin County Board of Commissioners will grant the Alabama Civil Right Tourism Association (ACRTA) the amount not to exceed \$73,982.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners recognizes that the tragedies and triumphs that took place in Mississippi and Tennessee during the 1950s and 1960s awakened an entire nation to the reality of racial injustice that affected African Americans all over the country. Our desire to participate is rooted in our desire to grow in our own journey, as leaders who know that understanding the movement is essential to understanding American history; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY OHIO:

1. That consistent with the provisions of Section 305.30 of the Ohio Revised Code, the County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Alabama Civil Rights Tourism Association consistent with the resolution.
2. That the attached purchase order in the amount of \$73,982 that is individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List is hereby approved.

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>CONTRACT AMOUNT</u>
Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	\$73,982

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