

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

DR. J. BLAINE BLAYTON

WHEREAS, J. Blaine Blayton was born in Oklahoma in 1905, where he attended school in a two-room schoolhouse and then went on to earn his undergraduate and medical degrees from Howard University in Washington D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blayton came to Williamsburg in 1931, where he set up a practice to serve the African-Americans of the community and practiced for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, Dr. Blayton opened a 14-bed hospital with an emergency room and a sandwich shop to serve those shut out of other facilities due to segregation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Blayton's Medical Center Clinic was the main healthcare facility for the Williamsburg area's African-American citizens until 1961 when the fully integrated Williamsburg Community Hospital opened, which Dr. Blayton helped raise money to build; and

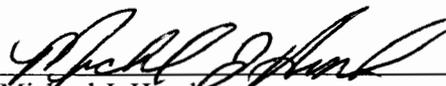
WHEREAS, outside of his medical duties, Dr. Blayton was an advocate for education and recreation in the community, served as the first African-American member of the James City County School Board and was the Director of Health and Safety for the Peninsula Boy Scouts for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Dr. Blayton was honored by the Williamsburg Community Health Foundation as one of the first three recipients of its Healthcare Heroes Recognition Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, hereby celebrates the life of

DR. J. BLAINE BLAYTON

and expresses its appreciation for the legacy he has left with the community.



Michael J. Hipple
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


Bryan J. Hill
Clerk to the Board

	VOTES		
	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
MCGLENNON	✓	—	—
LARSON	✓	—	—
ONIZUK	✓	—	—
SADLER	✓	—	—
HIPPLE	✓	—	—

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 28th day of June, 2016.