

COVENANT IN PERPETUITY

Robert Russa Moton Museum and Longwood University

- Prince Edward County, Virginia -

WHEREAS the Robert Russa Moton Museum, a National Historic Landmark on the site of the former Robert Russa Moton High School, is sacred ground in the history of our community, the Commonwealth, and nation;

WHEREAS at the Museum's landmark site, students led by 16-year-old Barbara Johns went on strike in 1951 to protest the intolerable conditions at their all-black high school; their courageous actions brought them into the *Brown v. Board of Education* lawsuit, in which they accounted for three-quarters of all plaintiffs; yet despite the unanimous U.S. Supreme Court decision in their favor, the struggle for equal protection under the law continued through the period of "Massive Resistance" to integration, most painfully during the period of 1959-1964, when Prince Edward County's public schools were closed to forestall the end of segregated public schools; and

WHEREAS fifty years after the re-opening of the Prince Edward County public schools, at a moment of reckoning and reconciliation in the community, the Moton Museum and its neighbor Longwood University, the Commonwealth's third oldest public university, stand poised to work together in affiliation and in mutual service of their respective public missions: advancing civil rights in education, and the preparation of citizen leaders.

THIS COVENANT establishes a formal affiliation, under which the mission of the Moton Museum and the purpose of its historic landmark building on Griffin Boulevard in the Town of Farmville in Prince Edward County shall remain in perpetuity:

To share the story of the Moton strike and imprint it more deeply on the national consciousness;

To advance and expand public understanding of the history of the struggle for civil rights in which the Moton struggle played such a fundamental role; and

To advance the Museum's broader mission of supporting the cause of civil rights in education.

WITH THIS COVENANT, the University and the Museum, honoring the generosity and labor of those in the community who worked tirelessly to establish the Museum, will ensure governance for the Museum that embraces the role of community members in its activities and oversight, through the Moton Council.

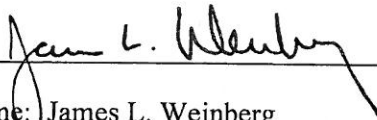
WITH THIS COVENANT, the University and the Museum agree to work together through affiliation to ensure adequate funding for the obligations and operations of the Museum and to ensure general administrative support for the Museum of the nature customary and

expected throughout the University's system of departments, divisions, and independent affiliates.

WITH THIS COVENANT, the University and the Museum shall undertake their rôles and responsibilities regarding the landmark site of the Museum pursuant to all requirements, regulations, and restrictions secured into perpetuity by its designation as a National Historic Landmark by the government of the United States, doing so pursuant also to the requirements, regulations, and restrictions of the Commonwealth of Virginia for historic sites, and doing so ensuring that the Museum as a landmark site is regularly open to the general public, in order to further its mission of advancing civil rights in education.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have entered into this Covenant as of this 30th day of June, 2015.

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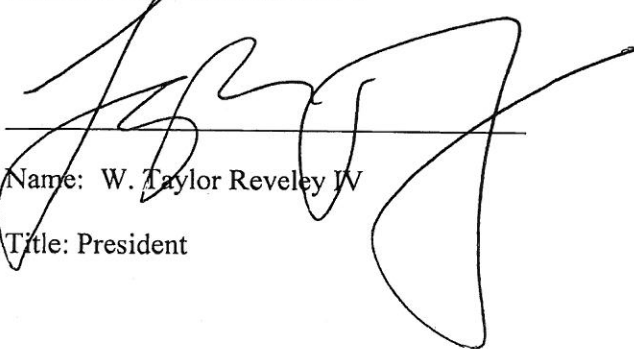
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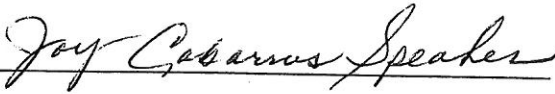
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