

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF NEW KENT
VIRGINIA**

R-21-17

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of New Kent in the Boardroom of the Administration Building in New Kent, Virginia, on the 8th day of May, 2017.

Present:	Vote:
Thomas W. Evelyn	Aye
C. Thomas Tiller, Jr.	Aye
Patricia A. Paige	Aye
Ron Stiers	Aye
W. R. Davis, Jr.	Aye

Motion was made by Mr. Stiers, which carried 5:0 to adopt the following resolution:

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
NEW ELAM BAPTIST CHURCH
ON THE OCCASION OF ITS
150TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, New Elam Baptist Church, a predominately black church in New Kent County, has served and uplifted members of the community for 150 years, and

WHEREAS, in 1867, the church was founded and organized by Reverend Dandridge Patterson and was named “New Elam” after the “Old Elam Baptist Church” of Charles City, Virginia.

WHEREAS, the first services were held in what is known as a “brush arbor” type of church, which later evolved to a log cabin and in the 1870’s the first framed structure was built,

WHEREAS, on March 5, 1878, Isaac Brian, a church trustee secured a deed for approximately one acre of land from Susan Toler for the amount of twenty dollars,

WHEREAS, Reverends: Thomas Bailey, Anthony Johnson, Frank Mitchell and W. D. Harris served as the Pastors in the framed structure,

WHEREAS, New Elam was used as the first school house in the community. The structure was later purchased and demolished by the late Deacon George Meades for his personal use,

WHEREAS, in 1911 the original sanctuary was built under the leadership of Reverend S. W. Harris of Norfolk, Virginia,

WHEREAS, in 1912 the first marriage was performed between Etila Harris and Albert Dixon,

WHEREAS, in May of 1950, Robert Charles Krug and family, along with Clarence Turner gave the church two acres of land for the enlargement of the cemetery,

WHEREAS, in 2003 under the leadership of Reverend Charles Edward Goodman and with the vision from God, the completion of a beautiful new sanctuary was attached to the old edifice, which is presently used as a banquet and multi-purpose facility. The new and present cornerstone was laid at this time,

WHEREAS, many ministers have faithfully served at New Elam Baptist Church and continue in its mission to provide fellowship and worship to the congregation and support outreach to the community,

WHEREAS, the congregation recognizes and believes that “We Have Come This Far By Faith”, and that is the 150th Anniversary theme,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the New Kent Board of Supervisors, that the New Kent Board of Supervisors hereby commends New Elam Baptist Church for 150 years of service to New Kent County; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Reverend Marion Tapscott, Interim Pastor of New Elam Baptist Church, as an expression of New Kent County’s admiration for the church’s storied history and many contributions to the community.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2017

Rodney A. Hathaway
County Administrator

W.R. Davis, Jr.
Chairman