

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI TO APPROPRIATE
FUNDS FOR THE HISTORIC BEULAH CEMETERY, TO ALLOW THE CITY OF
VICKSBURG TO SPEND GENERAL FUNDS AND PROVIDE IN-KIND SERVICES
FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF BEULAH CEMETERY**

WHEREAS, BEULAH CEMETERY is a historic cemetery which is listed as a Mississippi Landmark and located in the City of Vicksburg and the cemetery has nearly 5,500 graves, most of which date between 1884 and 1940; and

WHEREAS, Beulah Cemetery is the final resting place of over 100 veterans serving in the Korean War, World War I and World War II and a number of prominent Vicksburg African American citizens, business owners, educators and leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Legislature has appropriated funds in the past to be spent for the preservation of Beulah Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Beulah Cemetery is owned by The Vicksburg Tabernacle No. 19 Grand Union Order of Brothers & Sisters of Love and Charity, incorporated in 1884, and said corporation has no assets and is basically not operational and exists in name only; and

WHEREAS, Beulah Cemetery needs additional funds to secure and maintain the premises for grass and weed cutting, headstone preservation, repair of the historic archway as needed, fencing of the property and other general maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vicksburg, although it does not own Beulah Cemetery, desires to have the authority, in its discretion, to spend general funds for the maintenance of Beulah Cemetery, to provide in-kind services for the maintenance of Beulah Cemetery, and to use community service and/or inmate labor for the maintenance of Beulah Cemetery.

WHEREAS, the previously granted local and private legislation that expires at the end of fiscal year 2027 and the City of Vicksburg would like to continue to assist in the maintenance of this historic cemetery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI that the City of Vicksburg requests the Mississippi Legislature to enact local and private legislation that authorizes the City of Vicksburg, in its discretion, to spend general funds for the maintenance of Beulah Cemetery, to provide in-kind services for the maintenance of Beulah Cemetery, and to use community service and/or inmate labor for the maintenance of Beulah Cemetery.

SO RESOLVED this the 16th day of March, 2026.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the
City of Vicksburg, MS

Willis Thompson, Mayor

Thomas J. Mayfield, Alderman

Vickie Y. Bailey, Alderwoman

CERTIFICATE

I, Deborah A. Kaiser-Nickson, the duly appointed, qualified and acting City Clerk and lawful custodian of the Minutes of The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg and Seal of said City, Certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg at a Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, March 16, 2026.

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office this 16th day of March, 2026.

Deborah A. Kaiser-Nickson, City Clerk