



**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA**

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Meeting Date: December 13, 2017

Item Number: 11.B.

Subject:

Resolution Recognizing The Lord's Church for Its Contributions to the Community

County Administrator's Comments:

County Administrator: _____

Board Action Requested:

Mr. Elswick requested the attached resolution be adopted.

Summary of Information:

The attached resolution recognizes The Lord's Church for its support to community and to its commitment to bridging the gap between the community and public safety.

Preparer: Chris Ruth

Title: Assistant Director, Communications and Media

Attachments:



Yes



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RECOGNIZING THE LORD'S CHURCH FOR ITS SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, The Lord's Church is committed to service and outreach within the community in many ways; one of those is to ensure that there is free food in its Food Pantry, which is available for abused women and children, the homeless and anyone who experiences hardship; and

WHEREAS, members of the church have distributed more than 10,800 loaves of bread on Wednesdays, from January through July of this year, to those in need in Chesterfield County and five other surrounding localities, and this bread is provided through the generosity of the Flowers Baking Company in Lynchburg; and

WHEREAS, The Lord's Church also serves the community through its Clothing Closet, which is a resource for parents who need to get their children ready for back to school, for those looking for appropriate work or church attire, and to help replenish the losses of those who have suffered due to fires or other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the church also focuses on the importance of education and offers scholarships to high school graduates through its Mentor Scholar Program; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Howard L. Moses, Sr. has served as the pastor for more than 22 years, and serves as the National Director of The Frederick L. Ray Biblical Institute, which is housed at The Lord's Church and focuses on the spiritual education of both ministers and church members; and

WHEREAS, during this time, Pastor Moses has never accepted a salary, instead allowing for those funds to be used for community outreach, and it is a point of pride that the church also operates without local, state or federal funds; and

WHEREAS, fourteen years ago, The Lord's Church committed to bridging the gap between law enforcement and the community, and during this time has offered many opportunities for staff from the Chesterfield County Police Department and Sheriff's Office to meet and engage with the community and share important safety information; and

WHEREAS, because of this history of engagement between law enforcement and the community, the church served as the site for a Town Hall meeting on July 19, 2016, which brought together public safety officials, members of families who had lost loved ones in law-enforcement incidents, and representatives from Virginia State University, NAACP and Black Lives Matter; and

WHEREAS, the church annually holds a Community Appreciation Day, where leaders from Chesterfield County and other experts in the areas of safety, education, finance and health care provided information about their programs and services to church and community members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors, this 13th day of December 2017, on behalf of the citizens of Chesterfield County, publicly recognizes The Lord's Church for its contributions to meeting the physical and spiritual needs of the community, recognizes that it has enhanced the quality of life for all those involved in giving or receiving this support, and congratulates the congregation for being an excellent example of what good can be accomplished when people come together for the benefit of others.