

**ACCORD**  
**R E S O L U T I O N**

**February 4, 2012**

**Whereas**, On Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the Sun set on Deacon James White, Sr. dearly beloved husband of the Late Mrs. Hattie White, father, grandfather, great grandfather, great-great grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, neighbor, friend, and hero of the Civil Rights Movement of St. Augustine, FL, **and**

**Whereas**, Deacon James White, Sr., Buffalo Soldier, Veteran of World War II, serving in the Italian Theatre from 1942 – 1946, **and**

**Whereas**, Deacon James White , Sr. during his service was awarded two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, the World War II Victory medal and the Combat Infantry Badge, **and**

**Whereas**, Deacon James White, Sr. mustered out in 1946, after fighting for the freedom of the European people returned to his native South Carolina where he could not be served a hamburger in a public place, nor drink from a public fountain, nor compete for jobs he was fully capable of doing, **and**

**Whereas**, Deacon James White, Sr. took part in the civil rights demonstrations, in St. Augustine, FL, participating in the marches, and sit-ins at the local restaurants and every legal demonstration he could, **and**

**Whereas**, Deacon James White, Sr. was mentally and physically abused, shocked with cattle prods, and jailed three times to secure for his family the same freedoms that he had risked his life in Italy to secure for others, **and**

**Whereas**, Deacon James White, Sr. suffered his home being bombed by smoke bombs stolen from the Fairchild Hiller Aircraft plant, where he worked: the thieves never being identified, **and**

**Whereas**, Deacon James White, Sr., house filled with smoke while his younger children were inside, **and**

**Whereas**, Deacon James White, Sr. while working at the Fairchild Hiller Aircraft plant suffered discrimination in wage earnings, having to use separate water fountains, toilets, and even having to use a separate door for blacks to enter the plant, **and**

**Whereas**, the entire family of Deacon James White, Sr. put their hearts, minds, and bodies on the front lines of the battlefield to secure their own rights and the rights of future generations by participating in the rallies, sit-ins, pray-ins, wade-ins, being arrested, and jailed, **and**

**Whereas**, Deacon James White, Sr. and his family through strength and courageous acts, faced head on the entrenched system of bigotry and hatred, that disgraced St. Augustine to the world and fought battles to free future generations, despite physical injury to themselves, **and**

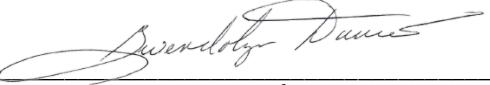
**Whereas**, we, the 40<sup>th</sup> ACCORD, Inc. whose mission is to **Remember, Recognize, and Honor** all those who risked their lives to attain civil rights for all and to celebrate St. Augustine's pivotal role in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, **and**

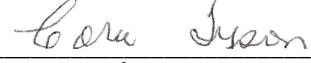
**Whereas**, in 2011, the 40th ACCORD through the generosity of the Northrop Grumman Corporation placed a historic marker at the home of Deacon & Mrs. James White, Sr., as a landmark and testimony to the sacrifices made by this courageous family, **and**

**Therefore be it Resolved**, that the 40<sup>th</sup> ACCORD, Inc., will continue to share the history and honor the courageous acts and contributions made by Deacon James White, Sr., and his family which led to the success of the civil rights movement of St. Augustine and to the passage of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964, legally barring discrimination in all public accommodations, education, and employment, **and**

**Be it further Resolved**, that a copy of this Resolution be given to the Family of the Late Deacon James White, Sr., The First Baptist Church of which he was a member, the St. Augustine Historical Society Library, the Smithsonian Institution, and a copy be placed in the Archives of the 40<sup>th</sup> ACCORD, Inc.

**With Deepest Sympathy in Jesus Christ Name,**

  
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**Mrs. Gwendolyn Duncan, 40<sup>th</sup> ACCORD President**

  
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**Mrs. Cora Tyson, 40<sup>th</sup> ACCORD Vice- President**