



## ***The National African American Fellowship, SBC***

*Dr. Marshal Ausberry, President*

*Rev. Dennis Mitchell, Executive Director*

### *Resolution of Respect for*

*The Memory and Message of the Residents of the Neighborhood of Greenwood in Tulsa, Oklahoma*

*On Behalf of the National African American Fellowship, Southern Baptist Convention  
According to the tender mercy of our loving and All Wise God, We as servants and fellow African Americans want to stand with the descendants and survivors of that horrible day of May 31, 1921*

*We as a collective body of likeminded servants offer our deepest respect and heartfelt sorrow to our brothers and sisters who suffered at the hands of godless mobs of white persons who destroyed, burned and bombed a striving African American Community that has been called "Black Wall Street".*

*So, Whereas, our brother and sisters who were leaders and ordinary American citizens that worked, lived and attended churches within their community became the victims of one of the most hideous and violent annihilation of racist attacks by fellow white Americans.*

*Whereas, this Tulsa Race Massacre was kept as a hidden disgusting and despicable chapter in the history of our Nation for many years as has been similar to deplorable events toward the African American people of our country.*

*Whereas, this highly prosperous and industrious Greenwood community of independent businesses and homeowners faced extensive destruction to their personal lives, of which more than 300 lives were loss to angry whites.*

*Whereas, now at the centennial of this awful tragedy, we as a Nation have persons who lived through and witnessed this painful occurrence and have been given the chance to retell their ordeal to those within our Congress.*

*Whereas, now after the deaths and continued violence that still occurs within our Nation against African Americans, Asians Americans, Native Americans and Spanish speaking Americans, our Americans of every color and ethnicity are ready to seemingly face our past.*

*Whereas, now after events like the insurrection against our own Nation's Capitol on January 6, 2021 events like that which happened to this once striving African American Community of Greenwood will put into view the sickness and wickedness of what can happen when a people are divided.*

*Therefore Be It Resolved, that as leaders in the National African American Fellowship, SBC, we shall stand with those that seek fair and equitable treatment and compensation to the persons and families of those that suffered and are still suffering from the horrible events that took place One Hundred years ago.*

*Be It Further Resolved, that we as a body of the official Fellowship of Black American Pastors and leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention propose that we shall Acknowledge and remain engaged in the fight for fair and equal justice for all Americans*

*We as the officers of the National African American Fellowship, Southern Baptist Convention do humbly and with great love submit this Resolution to the descendants of the Greenwood Community. We shall also place a copy of this Resolution in the archives of our Fellowship.*

*Signed,*

*Marshall L. Ausberry Sr., President*

*Frank Williams, Vice President*

*Bucas Sterling III, Secretary*

*John Rollins, Sr., Treasurer*

*Robert E. Wilson, Historian*

*Dennis Mitchell, Executive Director*

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