

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council

January 20, 2022

Upon recommendation of the Mayor, Department of Public Works and Historical Commission

22.013 An Order to Accept Gift of Historic Marker Honoring Sojourner Truth

Whereas, the City is the owner of the layout of Sojourner Truth Memorial Park, located near the intersection of Park Street and Pine Street, in close proximity to the home once owned by Sojourner Truth, a nationally renowned suffragist and former slave who resided in Northampton in the nineteenth century; and

Whereas, the Sojourner Truth Memorial Committee of Florence, with the assistance of Suffrage100MA, received approval for a historic marker for Sojourner Truth as part of the National Votes for Women Trail and the Pomeroy Foundation project installing roadside markers throughout the country to commemorate suffragists/suffrage activities; and

Whereas, the Pomeroy Foundation will provide the donation of a Sojourner Truth historic marker to the City of Northampton for installation at the Sojourner Truth Memorial Park; and

Whereas, the City of Northampton Historical Commission has stated its support of a historical trail marker and the Department of Public Works has no objection to the proposed installation;

Ordered that, Northampton City Council gratefully accepts the gift of a Sojourner Truth historic marker, valued at \$5,000, to be installed at the Sojourner Truth Memorial Park.