

**EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14**

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AUGUST 13 AS ZACHARIAH WALKER
REMEMBRANCE DAY TO MEMORIALIZE VICTIMS OF RACIAL VIOLENCE AND
PROMOTE HISTORICAL EDUCATION AND RACIAL DIALOGUE, AND TO INSTALL
COMMEMORATIVE SIGNAGE DESIGNATING A PORTION OF STRODE AVENUE
AS “ZACHARIAH WALKER AVENUE” IN EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, on August 13, 1911, Zachariah Walker, an African American steelworker, was lynched in a public act of racial violence in Coatesville, Pennsylvania, marking one of the darkest chapters in the region's history; and

WHEREAS, the lynching of Mr. Walker is a tragic example of the broader legacy of racial terror and injustice experienced by African Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, remembrance of such acts is essential not to glorify the pain of the past, but to acknowledge it, confront it, and learn from it; and

WHEREAS, East Fallowfield Township recognizes the importance of publicly memorializing victims of racial violence as a means of fostering historical awareness, civic dialogue, and deeper community understanding; and

WHEREAS, naming a day of remembrance creates space for reflection and education, and helps ensure that future generations know and understand the impact of racial injustice, including the events that occurred in our own region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of East Fallowfield Township:

1. That **August 13** shall be designated as **Zachariah Walker Remembrance Day** in East Fallowfield Township, as a solemn occasion to reflect upon and memorialize the victims of racial violence and to recognize the ongoing importance of racial justice and reconciliation;
2. That residents, schools, and community institutions are encouraged to mark this day with educational and commemorative activities that highlight the historical significance of Mr. Walker’s death and the broader struggle for civil rights and human dignity;
3. That East Fallowfield Township shall install commemorative signage designating a portion of Strode Avenue as “Zachariah Walker Avenue”, in recognition of its historical significance and as a permanent public reminder of the Township’s commitment to remembrance and racial reconciliation; That this resolution shall be entered into the official record of East Fallowfield Township and shared with regional partners and institutions to support broader efforts at memorialization and public education.

ADOPTED this 24th day of June, 2025, by the Board of Supervisors of East Fallowfield Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.

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