

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing a Prominent Spotsylvania Educator and Declaration of John J. Wright Day

WHEREAS, John J. Wright was born in Spotsylvania on November 18, 1862; and

WHEREAS, John J. Wright was one of the founders and the first president of the Spotsylvania Sunday School League; and

WHEREAS, John J. Wright received his teaching certificate from the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute in 1893; and

WHEREAS, John J. Wright spent a long career as a teacher and principal in Spotsylvania County; and

WHEREAS, John J. Wright formed the debating society “The Rock Spring Lyceum”; and

WHEREAS, John J. Wright founded the first high school for African-American students, the Snell Training School in 1913 on the site of today’s John J Wright Educational and Cultural Center, which offers educational services to Spotsylvania County students from pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade; and

WHEREAS, a museum housed in the school’s original library opened in 2010; and

WHEREAS, John J. Wright died in his Spotsylvania home January 2, 1931; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors proclaims November 18, 2019, and each November 18 thereafter, John J. Wright Day in Spotsylvania, Virginia, thereby recognizing his significant impacts on the county’s history, as well as contributions to the field of education.

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