

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	September 20, 2016
Title:	Recognize Ramoth Baptist Church on the Occasion of Its 150 th Anniversary
Department:	Public Information
Staff Contact:	Shannon Howell, Public Information Officer
Board Committee/ Other BACC:	N/A
Staff Recommendation:	N/A
Budget Impact:	N/A
Time Sensitivity:	N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	Background Report	2.	Proposed Proclamation P16-29
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consent Agenda	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Business	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unfinished Business
	Discussion		Presentation		Work Session
	New Business		Public Hearing		Add-On

REVIEW:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Administrator	
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DISTRICT:	Hartwood
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REQUESTED BY:	Gary Snellings
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BACKGROUND REPORT

Ramoth Baptist Church is celebrating its 150th anniversary on October 9, 2016. It was established in 1866, at the end of the Civil War, by Walter R.D. Moncure, a chaplain in the 30th Virginia Infantry Regiment (made up predominantly of Stafford locals). Mr. Moncure was the pastor of nearby Berea Baptist Church. He and members of his family and community, with the backing of the Potomac Baptist Association, met together to organize Ramoth Baptist Church on October 9, 1866. By 1869, the church had built its original building, the foundation and cornerstones of which still hold up Ramoth's chapel today.

In turn, members of the church seeded and planted Hull's Memorial Baptist Church in 1888 and Mt. Ararat Baptist Church in 1907. These churches are still active and integral members of the Stafford faith community.

Ramoth Baptist Church is very active in community outreach. They do that by volunteering in a prison ministry, helping youth, visiting the elderly, providing a food pantry, supporting international missions and providing disaster relief.

Proposed Proclamation P16-29 recognizes Ramoth Baptist Church for its 150 years of spiritual service to Stafford County.

PROPOSED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF STAFFORD
STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

PROCLAMATION

At a regular meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors (the Board) held in the Board Chambers, George L. Gordon, Jr., Government Center, Stafford, Virginia, on the 20th day of September, 2016:

MEMBERS:

Robert "Bob" Thomas, Jr., Chairman
Laura A. Sellers, Vice Chairman
Meg Bohmke
Jack R. Cavalier
Wendy E. Maurer
Paul V. Milde, III
Gary F. Snellings

VOTE:

On motion of , seconded by , which carried by a vote of , the following was adopted:

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING RAMOTH BAPTIST CHURCH
ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, on October 9, 1866, Walter R.C. Moncure, members of his family and community, with the backing of the Potomac Baptist Association, came together to organize Ramoth Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, over 150 years, following the destruction of the Civil War, through the Depression, multiple wars, and other major events in our Nation's history, Ramoth Baptist Church has been a steadfast light of Christian love to its members and Stafford County; and

WHEREAS, Ramoth Baptist Church reaches out to the community by volunteering in a prison ministry, helping youth, visiting the elderly, providing a food pantry, supporting international missions, providing disaster relief and many other activities; and

WHEREAS, Ramoth Baptist Church has been fruitful: members of the Ramoth congregation established Hull's Memorial Baptist Church in 1888, and Mt. Ararat Baptist Church in 1907, two churches that continue to thrive and are integral members of the faith community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the day 20th of September, 2016, that it be and hereby does honor Ramoth Baptist Church and its members for their spiritual guidance and love of the Stafford County community over the last 150 years.

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