

Memorandum of Support

DATE: March 4, 2020

TO: Senator Adelaide C. Eckardt

FROM: Akil K. Rahim, Past President Dorchester County NAACP

REFERENCE: Senate Bill 464 Commemorative Days - **Maryland Voting Equity Reform Days**

Hearing: March 5, 2020

Position: Support

Honorable Senator Adelaide C. Eckardt:

I am a former resident of Dorchester County – born in Cambridge, raised in Hurlock, attended and graduated from the public schools there.

This memorandum is written in support of and as a request for your support of the passage of Senate Bill 464 Commemorative Days – **Maryland Voting Equity Reform Days**. Its passage will establish an annual recognition of voting equity reform in Maryland as commemorated on The Historical Freedom Shrine erected in 1987 and is located on the west side of East New Market-Ellwood Road.

The Historical Freedom Shrine commemorates a required change in the Constitution of Maryland ordered by the United States Courts; subsequently, bringing full democracy to and granting equitable voting rights for Dorchester County's minority and rural citizens.

Please support the passage of **Senate Bill 464 Commemorative Days – Maryland Voting Equity Reform Days**.

