

Resolution

WHEREAS, Akil DuPont was born and raised in Tallahassee, Florida, and is a graduate of Florida A&M University with a degree in Economics and a graduate of the Florida State University Film School with a Master of Fine Arts; and,

WHEREAS, Akil DuPont had a childhood dream of working in the film industry and has been inspired in his career by such diverse directors as Tim Burton and Taylor Hackford; and,

WHEREAS, Akil DuPont was the Director, Co-Writer, and Musical Director of the short film "Underground"; and,

WHEREAS, the film "Underground" is a story told through song in which three slaves are fighting insurmountable odds to find the Underground Railroad with only their own voices singing Negro spirituals that they hope will protect them on their perilous journey to freedom; and,

WHEREAS, "Underground" has won numerous awards and accolades among which include two Student Emmy Awards, 1st Place at the Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival, Best of Brouhaha at the Florida Film Festival, Best Short Film at the San Diego Black Film Festival, 1st Place at the Palm Beach International Film Festival, Best Short Film at the Texas Black Film Festival, Best Student Short at the Tallahassee Film Festival, and has been officially selected for the Newport Beach Film Festival, and accepted into the Stony Brook Film Festival in New York State, and the San Francisco Black Film Festival in California; and,

WHEREAS, Akil DuPont is looking to turn "Underground" into a feature-length film;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT


AKIL DUPONT


is to be recognized for his thoughtful and dynamic direction of the film "Underground" and in acknowledgement of both its professional accolades and awards and for its lasting memorial to the strength, stamina, and complexities of the human spirit.


DATED this 14th day of June, A.D. 2011.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA


John Dailey, Chairman

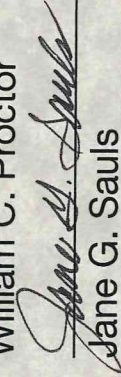

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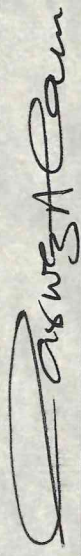

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