



WHEREAS, the CAC art gallery showcases the art of local and regional professional and emerging artists and is open to the public free of charge; and

WHEREAS, the CAC building is also home to art studios and hosts 23 weekly pottery and painting classes; and

WHEREAS, over the years the CAC has become the hub of Metro Parks' Visual Arts Program; and

WHEREAS, this year, Metro Parks will shed light on the little-known history of the building's origins and use the 50th anniversary as a time of both reflection and celebration; and

WHEREAS, a historical marker will be placed at the front of the building acknowledging the site of the former swimming pool complex and explain the reasons for the city-wide pool closures during the Civil Rights movement, despite efforts to desegregate; and

WHEREAS, educational signage and interpretive panels will be installed in the courtyard so that visitors can learn more about Kwame Lillard and Matthew Walker, Jr.'s efforts to integrate the pools; and

WHEREAS, Metro Parks encourages the public to get involved and share their memories of this important time in the city's history; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Centennial Art Center and recognizes the history of its origins.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Centennial Art Center.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.