

Sponsored by: Council as a Whole

Resolution No. 22-04

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE OGLESBY FAMILY
AS DESCENDANTS OF BENJAMIN OGLESBY, AFTER
WHOM OGLESBY PARK IS NAMED

WHEREAS, the St. Charles County Council is pleased to recognize and honor citizens for outstanding achievements; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Oglesby was born around 1825 in the state of Virginia, and records indicate he came to Missouri with his enslaver, Marshall Bird, who was a farmer, and they settled in property that sits to the southeast of the park along Meyer Road, Benjamin being enslaved with seven other people who worked on the 260-acre farm in Sections 18 and 19 of Township 47 Range 1 East; and

WHEREAS, in 1864, Benjamin Oglesby ran away from his enslaver, and joined the 56th United States Colored Infantry Regiment where he served in the Civil War, until he was honorably discharged from the Union Army and reunited with his wife, Martha, who was also known as Patsy, and their five children after his emancipation and the end of the war he returned to the area and ultimately purchased the proposed park property; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Oglesby died in 1901 and is buried in the African American Smith Chapel Cemetery which is located approximately one mile from the proposed park property; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Oglesby left the property to his children and the property stayed in the Oglesby family until the mid-20th century.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The St. Charles County Council hereby honors The Oglesby Family for their long-standing history in the St. Charles County community.

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

DATE PASSED