

**ASSOCIATION OF OLDEST INHABITANTS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS:** The Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia incorporated the last surviving members of the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association into its membership in 1909; and,

**WHEREAS:** As part of the AOI's affiliation with the Veteran Volunteer Fireman's Association and beyond the tenure of their last living member, the AOI came into possession of an extensive collection of antique firefighting artifacts and memorabilia; and,

**WHEREAS:** In 1973, the AOI donated a number of these artifacts to the Historical Society of Washington, D.C. and, by resolution in September 2014 approved of the deaccession of these items and their transfer to the Friendship Fire Association Museum; and,

**WHEREAS:** The only remaining Fire Department-related artifacts in the possession of the AOI are four vehicles (1905 American La France Steam Pumper; 1909 Robinson Fire Apparatus Chief Engineer's Buggy; 1853 Rogers Hand Pumper; 1870s Parade Hose Reel ) and two bells (1956 Jones & Hitchcock Bell (mounted); and, an unknown year/make smaller bell (un-mounted)); and,

**WHEREAS:** The Friendship Fire Association now supports a publicly accessible museum at its location in Engine Company 3, 439 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., which already contains a significant number of AOI-related Veteran Volunteer Fireman's artifacts; and,

**WHEREAS:** The Officers and Board of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia have voted to approve this resolution; and,

**WHEREAS:** The By-laws of the AOI of DC require the approval of the membership for expenditures and disbursements in excess of \$5,000 (Section VI "Board of Directors", AOI By-laws, Revised Sept. 21, 2007);

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** The membership of the AOI of DC approves the recommendation of The Board of Directors of the Association of Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia to transfer these four vehicles and two bells to the Friendship Fire Association Museum and that the conveying documents clearly state the origin of the objects to be the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia, custodian of these artifacts by virtue of the AOI's relationship with the Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Approved the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015 by the membership present.



By: Will Brown  
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