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## **NAACP DeKalb Hosts Remembrance Project Closing Ceremony "A Journey of Remembrance and Reconciliation"**

**Decatur, GA.** The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) DeKalb County Branch Remembrance Project will host a virtual closing ceremony on Thursday, September 30th, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Over the past 2 years, NAACP Dekalb Remembrance Project, in collaboration with the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), installed markers at three locations: Dekalb County Courthouse, Kelly Park in the City of Lithonia, and Oak Grove Park in the North Druid Hills area, honoring known and unknown lynching victims. This closing ceremony will be an official dedication of the markers.

Between 1877 and 1950, over 4,000 African Americans were lynched across 20 states. NAACP Dekalb leads the effort to shed light on the dark history, by being the first in Metro Atlanta to officially partner with EJI. "These people were denied justice, they were denied due process, so these markers are placed in areas where people can stop, read the history and reflect," states Remembrance Project Chair, Attorney D. E Smith.

President Teresa Hardy states, "This may be the closing of one project, but our fight continues. While we have been able to start the conversations around the history of terror lynchings in Georgia, the future of our civil rights and voter rights are still at stake. We must continue to have the tough conversations and fight for justice."

The event is FREE, but you must register via our website at [www.naacpdekalb.org](http://www.naacpdekalb.org).. For more information contact Attorney D. E. Smith, at (404) 241-8006 or [info@naacpdekalb.org](mailto:info@naacpdekalb.org).

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