

CR-2 Ms. Julia Edmundson Randle

Whereas Ms. Julia Edmundson Randle has served as Registrar and Historiographer of the Diocese of Virginia since 2012, and will be retiring on the last Sunday of this liturgical year, and

Whereas Ms. Randle has faithfully served the Diocese of Virginia and the greater Episcopal Church in a variety of paid and volunteer archival and historical capacities, and

Whereas Ms. Randle commenced her ministry in history and archives as Curator/Archivist of Christ Episcopal Church, Alexandria, 1986-1994, and as Historian, 1994-2018, and

Whereas Ms. Randle worked as Archivist of Virginia Theological Seminary, 1990-2012, expanding collections and aiding all researchers, including the staff of the Diocese of Virginia, in the interrelated topics pertaining to the history of Virginia Theological Seminary, to the Bishop Payne Divinity School, and to the clergy and churches of the Diocese of Virginia, and

Whereas during Ms. Randle's tenure as Virginia Theological Seminary Archivist, the African American Episcopal Historical Collection was established there as a joint archival and historical project of VTS and the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church, and the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of its founding is taking place this year, and

Whereas from 2008 -2012, she served as an investigator for the Diocese of Virginia's attorneys litigating ownership of the property of the diocesan congregations departing the Episcopal Church, by researching and documenting the history of the departing congregations established before 1954 as well as their relationship with the Diocese of Virginia since their founding, and

Whereas as Registrar, Ms. Randle has worked diligently to assemble, organize, and make available to Mayo House staff, the non-current administrative and historical records of the Diocese of Virginia, to facilitate understanding of past ministry, administration, and history, and

Whereas as Registrar, Ms. Randle has strived to expand access by outside researchers to the historical public records of the Diocese, and

Whereas as Registrar, Ms. Randle has consulted with congregations requesting standards for the retention and care of their permanent congregational records, and

Whereas as Historiographer, Ms. Randle additionally has consulted with congregations regarding how to research and write their congregation's history, and

Whereas as Historiographer, Ms. Randle collaborated with the Episcopal Church Women's celebration of the 125th anniversary of their founding, by creating a long-term exhibit at Mayo House, and

Whereas in her role as Historiographer, Ms. Randle conducted extensive research on diocesan and/or congregational history for Mayo House Staff, as well as for the leaders of the Diocese of Virginia, such as the Executive Board and the Standing Committee, and

Whereas, as Historiographer, Ms. Randle regularly wrote articles for the formerly published *Virginia Episcopalian* on such diverse topics as the diocese's benefit from slavery, the history of Mayo House, the Archdeaconry of the Blue Ridge, and the saga of closing congregations, and

Whereas at the request of the Committee on Race and Reconciliation, Bishop Shannon S. Johnston appointed Ms. Randle to the 2014 R2a Task Force on the name "Council" then in use for the annual governance gathering of the diocese, to research, document, and report on the history of the use of this name for the meeting of this Diocese and as well as other Episcopal Church dioceses whose annual meetings were ever named "Council". This report was cited by all sides of the issue, and was the basis for returning the meeting's name to its original title, Diocesan "Convention," and

Whereas, since 2018, Ms. Randle has served as Clerk of the Disciplinary Board of the Diocese of Virginia, and

Whereas Ms. Randle holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the College of William and Mary and a Master of Arts degree in American Studies from George Washington University, and

Whereas Ms. Randle has served the wider Episcopal Church archival and historical community as a Board Member, Episcopal Women's History Project from 1992-1994; and additionally has served as Secretary from 1993-1996, and as President from 2000-2003 of National Episcopal Historians and Archivists; and additionally has served as Board Member of the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church, 2019-present; and as Historical Society of the Episcopal Church member of the Steering Committee of the African American Episcopal Historical Collection, 2019-present, and

Whereas Ms. Randle has published over thirty-six articles allowing the public to freely access knowledge and information, and has graciously given over eighteen lectures or done workshops on specifically requested topics of historical interest in various places of The Episcopal Church community and has permitted, when possible, access to recordings of this significant information, and

Whereas, after her official retirement, Ms. Randle will be completing the final stages of the centennial history of Church Schools in the Diocese of Virginia, being written in partnership with historian Dr. Edward L. Bond, and

Whereas members of the Diocese of Virginia will miss her depth of knowledge and her faithful service, now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the 229th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia honors with great thanksgiving, Ms. Julia Edmundson Randle for her lengthy and faith-filled example of service to the Diocese of Virginia, in the parish churches where she worships, and in places where historical knowledge is sought and recorded and

Be it further resolved that gratitude be conveyed to her spouse, Russell V. Randle, and their family for their generous support of Ms. Randle's vocation, and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Ms. Randle and that it be recorded in the minutes of the 229th Annual Convention.

Submitted by Cynthia S. Bartol, delegate from Christ Episcopal Church, Alexandria, on behalf of the leadership of the Diocese of Virginia.