



Certificate of Recognition

WHEREAS, In March of 1857 eight brave men and women - Henry Predaux, Thomas Elliot, Denard Hughes, James and Lavinia Woolfley, Bill and Emily Kiah, and one unidentified eighth person - set off on a historic journey for freedom; and

WHEREAS, a reward of \$3000 was offered for their arrest; a man who they trusted soon succumbed to greed and led them to the local authorities who put them in the Dover jail; and

WHEREAS, defying the odds they attempted a dramatic escape by smashing a window and miraculously jumping twelve feet to safety; and

WHEREAS, the pathway to freedom was a dangerous and perilous one but the bravery and courage of families and their abolitionist friends risked their life and property to preserve a universal principal of every human being to be free; and

WHEREAS, William Brinkly of Camden, Delaware, a brave conductor who operated in the Camden circuit of the Underground Railroad wrote a letter to William Still dated March 23, 1857 stating how he helped the Dover Eight, leading them to a life of freedom; and

WHEREAS, the story of the Dover Eight is a great historical moment in the history of the Delaware Underground Railroad.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARLETON E. CAREY, SR., MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DOVER, DELAWARE, do hereby present this certificate of recognition to the group known as the

Dover Eight

And the role of Dover, Delaware for the dedication of Harriet Tubman and Thomas Garrett monuments on October 3, 2012.

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Mayor