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Dear Friends,

Virginia has played such a pivotal role in the birth and foundation of our nation's story. While so much has been accomplished in our Commonwealth, the evil of slavery and lynching is a tragic part of our history that we must never forget.

As the Office of Historic Alexandria hosts a Soil Collection Ceremony in remembrance of lynching victims Joseph McCoy and Benjamin Thomas, we must reflect upon their lives, mourn our nation's past sins, and recognize our nation's progress towards racial equality. I applaud the City of Alexandria and the Alexandria Community Remembrance Project for urging us to remember the past, and also challenge us to look to the future to honor the individual dignity of every person.

It is an honor to serve as your Attorney General. Our office is committed to seeking equal opportunity and justice for all Virginians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason Miyares".

Jason S. Miyares, Attorney General