

## Asheville Friends Meeting Minute on Torture - Approved Tenth Month, 2017

As Quakers, Asheville Friends Meeting seeks a world at peace and believes that torture is inhumane, immoral, and illegal. We also believe that the use of torture has boosted terrorism and damaged US global standing. There has been no accountability for the destructive decision to secretly transport, detain and torture dozens of people, regardless of guilt or innocence. North Carolina's Aero Contractors played a key role in torture and could still be conducting missions due to the lack of transparency and accountability. Our state elected officials have not been effective in investigating or speaking out against torture. The citizen-led NC Commission of Inquiry on Torture (NCCIT) is a 501(c)3 organization set up to investigate and encourage public debate about the role that NC played in facilitating the US torture program after the 9/11 attacks. The NCCIT will serve as a model for other accountability efforts and will help create momentum for full official transparency and accountability for the US use of torture and rendition.

Asheville Friends Meeting supports and endorses the work of the NCCIT and encourages individuals to get involved in the following ways as they are lead and able:

- Share information about the public hearing within your networks

- Attend the public hearings on Nov 30 and Dec 1

- Endorse the commission as a citizen

- Donate online at <http://www.nccit.org/donate> or by sending a tax-deductible check or money order payable to "NCCIT" to

  - NC Commission of Inquiry on Torture

  - PO Box 12584

  - Raleigh, NC 27605

Write letters to communicate to Gov. Roy Cooper and Attorney General Josh Stein your concern about the need for transparency and accountability for U.S. torture and North Carolina's role in it. Encourage the Governor and AG to support the non-governmental NC Commission of Inquiry on Torture (NCCIT).

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