

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-12

A RESOLUTION DENOUNCING ALL FORMS OF RACISM AND STATING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT OF BEING WELCOMING TO ALL PEOPLE IRRESPECTIVE OF RACE OR ANY OTHER IMMUTABLE CHARACTERISTIC.

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence states "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are the life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"; and

WHEREAS, our Pledge of Allegiance affirms the ideal of liberty and justice for all, which includes all those of color, both male and female, nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake is a Community for All Generations that values inclusivity and diversity amongst its people; and

WHEREAS, such diversity is an integral part of the fabric of our community, which makes the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake such a desirable place to live, learn, work, shop, play and worship; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake is committed to an ethos that supports and provides for fairness and equality for all; and

WHEREAS, the government of the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake wishes to publicly restate its opposition to racism and all other forms of bigotry against people; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council of the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake wish to restate the entire City's commitment that it is a community that welcomes all people, irrespective of race or any other immutable characteristic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MENTOR-ON-THE-LAKE, COUNTY OF LAKE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake government will not abide acts of racism, intolerance, and unlawful discrimination and denounces such actions in the strongest terms.

Section 2. That the Mayor and Council dedicate themselves to engage in honest, open and constructive dialogue, incorporating these vital communications into our collective daily work, as we engage residents with opportunities to share their experiences so that we may work to address any issues of race and/or inequities.

Section 3. That the City of Mentor-on-the Lake government stands steadfast with all of our residents against racism and reaffirms our commitment to justice and human and civil rights for all regardless of race, faith, sexual orientation, or country of origin and where all are valued, respected and treated with dignity, humanity, and compassion, and able to thrive.

Section 4. That all formal actions of this Council concerning the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of Council and that all deliberations of this Council, or any of its Committees which resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 5. That, this Resolution is hereby declared to be, and is passed as an emergency measure. Said Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Mentor-on-the-Lake.

WHEREFORE, this Resolution shall be in full force immediately upon its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

ADOPTED: July 28, 2020

ATTEST: Joyce M. Anje

Desiree A. Thompson

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PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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MAYOR