

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-08
OF ZIONSVILLE, INDIANA

A RESOLUTION TO CALL FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, George Floyd, a 46 year old Black man, was killed during an arrest in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, a bystander video recording of the incident showed that a white police officer pinned Mr. Floyd to the ground while he was handcuffed. The police officer's knee pressed into the back of Mr. Floyd's neck for more than eight minutes, even after Mr. Floyd lost consciousness; and

WHEREAS, on the video, Mr. Floyd was heard saying, "Please, I can't breathe. My stomach hurts. My neck hurts. Everything hurts... (I need) water or something. Please. Please. I can't breathe, officer....I cannot breath. I cannot breath"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd took a breath for the last time; and

WHEREAS, the tragic death of Mr. Floyd sparked national outrage against police brutality and the systemic racism that continues to exist in our country;

WHEREAS, the Town of Zionsville – the Town Council, the Mayor and the administration give our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Floyd's family and to the family of every man, woman and child that has died due to police brutality and racism. We grieve with you; and

WHEREAS, it is the long-standing policy of the Town of Zionsville that we welcome all individuals and we do not discriminate or allow racism in the provision of its services or programs on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or familial, veteran or military status; and

WHEREAS, it is the public policy of the Town of Zionsville to provide equal opportunity for education, employment, access to public accommodations, and acquisition through purchase or rental of real property, including, but not limited to housing, and to eliminate segregation or separation based on race, religion, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or familial, veteran or military status; and

WHEREAS, denial of equal opportunity to persons because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or familial, veteran or military status is contrary to the principles of freedom and equality of opportunity and is a burden to the public policy of the Town and are considered discriminatory practices subject to review by the Town's Non-Discriminatory Practices Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Town condemns racism in all forms and purposes to take steps to fight against it so as to ensure that all of our citizens and visitors are treated equally and with the respect and dignity they deserve; and

WHEREAS, we stand committed to the truth that Black lives matters, regardless of actual or

perceived sexual identity, gender identity, gender expression, economic status, ability, disability, religious beliefs or disbeliefs, immigration status, or location; and

WHEREAS, every day we recommit to healing ourselves and each other, and to co-creating alongside comrades, allies, and family a culture where each person feels seen, heard and supported; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge, respect, and celebrate differences and commonalities; and

WHEREAS, we work vigorously for freedom and justice for Black people and, by extension, all people.


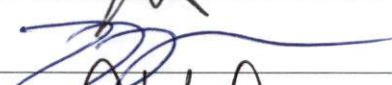
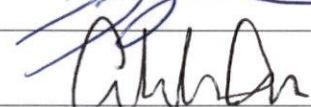




NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ZIONSVILLE, INDIANA, as follows:

1. The Town Council condemns racism and inequality in our community in all forms.
2. The Town Council will work with the Mayor to review all Town Policies to ensure our police department and first responders undergo appropriate background checks, receive substantive and on-going diversity, inclusion and equity training to prepare them to properly and respectfully engage with all Town citizens, and are trained on deescalating conflict resolution techniques plus the proper timing and use of force.
3. The members of the Town Council will engage our citizens to learn of ways in which we can further ensure equality and social justice in the Town.
4. The Town Council will advocate to state and federal lawmakers to enact legislation to ensure our citizens and visitors are given further protection, respect, social justice and the ability to be treated equally.


DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of July, 2020, by the Town Council of the Town of Zionsville, Boone County, Indiana, having been passed by a vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

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TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ZIONSVILLE, BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA

	YEA Signature	NAY Signature
Josh Garrett, President		
Bryan Traylor, Vice-President		
Alex Choi, Member		
Brad Burk , Member		
Craig Melton, Member		
Joe Culp, Member		
Jason Plunkett, Member		

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was delivered to Town of Zionsville Mayor Emily Styron on the 7th day of July, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Amelia Anne Lacy, Municipal Relations Coordinator
Town of Zionsville



MAYOR'S APPROVAL



Emily Styron, Mayor

Date: 7/7/2020

MAYOR'S VETO

Emily Styron, Mayor

Date: _____