

RESOLUTION 2020 - 03

A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING VIOLENCE AND RACISM DIRECTED AT BLACK AND AFRICAN-AMERICANS

WHEREAS, our nation has been guilty of committing acts of oppression against Black and African Americans for more than four hundred years, and urgent progress must be made to achieve racial justice; and

WHEREAS, recent incidents of violence directed toward Black and African Americans is an outrage; and

WHEREAS, these acts represent a blatant disregard for the dignity and sanctity of human life; and

WHEREAS, too many Black and African Americans in our country live in fear of losing their lives because of the color of their skin; and

WHEREAS, our nation's future well-being relies on a system that confronts systemic bias, institutionalized racism and supports efforts to ensure that Black and African American individuals thrive in the communities where they attend school, work and live; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Linn has a shared core value of equity and is committed to each individual's dreams being nurtured and their history and cultural heritage being celebrated; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Linn has a shared core value of care, in that we develop inclusive and welcoming environments for all people.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WEST LINN RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

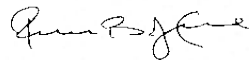
SECTION 1. The City of West Linn joins with America in sharing its anger, shame and sorrow about the intolerable violence directed at Black and African Americans.

SECTION 2. The City of West Linn condemns the violent and disrespectful treatment of Black and African Americans. Our organization does not and will not tolerate, nor accept in any way, treatment of Black and African Americans that degrades their dignity or disregards their human life.

SECTION 3. The City of West Linn Council calls on all government agencies to recognize the value and contribution of the lives of Black and African Americans.

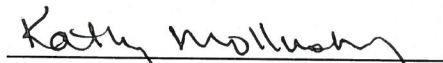
SECTION 4. The City of West Linn commits to uplifting and honoring the voices and experiences of Black and African Americans in order to ensure an inclusive environment and will counteract biased practices and remove systemic barriers that perpetuate disparities.

This resolution was PASSED and ADOPTED this 8th day of June, 2020, and takes effect upon passage.



RUSSELL B. AXELROD, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY