

CITY COUNCIL**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE June 16, 2019NUMBER 270-2020TITLE: **A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RACISM AND HONORING GEORGE FLOYD. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Donna K. Williams)**

WHEREAS, the recent tragedy in Minneapolis, Minnesota has again shone a light on systemic racism and the current and historically disparate treatment of African Americans and black people in our country; and

WHEREAS, **George Floyd** was born in North Carolina but grew up in the Cuney Homes housing complex in Houston, Texas. He was a 1993 graduate of Jack Yates High School, where he played on the basketball team as a 6-foot-6 power forward "able to dunk with both hands." He also was a father of five and grandfather of two; and

WHEREAS, we are outraged at the murder of **George Floyd**, and the City of Orange Township condemns all forms of racism and police brutality, and supports and protects all its residents no matter their ethnicity, race, faith, sexual orientation, or gender; and

WHEREAS, we support and commit to calling out hate and discrimination when we see it and help promote our core American value that no one should be targeted because of their identity; and

WHEREAS, violence, hate crimes, and police brutality create fearful and unstable communities; and

WHEREAS, as public servants we have an even greater responsibility to speak out against racism, discrimination, bias, and hatred because when the unacceptable becomes the norm in our society, human rights for all are threatened; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orange Township affirms and commits to protect the rights of all people, including the Black Lives Matter Movement, and justice allies and activists in our community who speak up and protest and demand justice for all; and

WHEREAS, hate will not be tolerated, and we will stand together to fight any form of bigotry, discrimination, or hate, in speech or action, against any group, from whatever the source.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Orange Township hereby honors **George Floyd** and wholeheartedly condemn the actions and injustices that have again wrought division and crisis in our community and across these "United" states.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Orange Township recommits to working on ways in which we can engage our communities to address and uproot institutionalized racism and implicit bias and offer spaces for dialogue, trainings, and understanding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Orange Township will maintain constant vigilance with regard to its own public safety policies and actions and do everything in its power to make certain that Orange is and will remain a welcoming city opposed to acts of racism and bigotry.

Adopted:

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City Clerk

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Council President