

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence defined the United States of America as a democracy based on the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and government by the consent of the people; and

WHEREAS, the 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees equal protection under the law to all Americans and prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, religion, and national origin; and

WHEREAS, in the 21st Century, Black people in America continue to live in fear of losing their lives at the hands of errant law enforcement, racists, or members of white supremacist groups; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, George Floyd, a 46-year-old father of two, pleaded for his life while handcuffed and on the ground as a Minneapolis police officer pushed his knee into Floyd's throat for nearly nine minutes, ultimately killing George Floyd; and

WHEREAS, racism and related preventable deaths and other injustices continue to plague residents of our country despite many pleas for change;

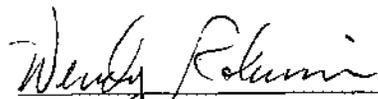
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung condemn the killing of George Floyd and any and all acts of racism and discrimination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family of George Floyd and to all who have suffered loss of life and have been hurt by acts committed by individuals who disrespect Black lives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council support peaceful protests that call for meaningful and lasting change to treat all people equally with honor, respect, love, and dignity as black lives matter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council aim to make the Borough of Watchung an even more welcoming, inclusive, and safe community for all who live, work, and visit here regardless of their national origin, color, race, religion, age, physical or mental abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic status or political opinion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council will further constructive dialogue and intentional policies to address diversity, equality, inclusion, and justice and will continue to forge a bond among our citizens to work together in unity for the betterment of all.


Robinson, Council President


Keith S. Balla, Mayor

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