



RESOLUTION NO: _____

PRESENTED: _____

ADOPTED: _____

RESOLUTION TO DELCARE BLACK LIVES MATTER

BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL:

WHEREAS, The City of Flint is a diverse community that stands for racial and economic justice, solidarity and equality. City of Flint elected officials are committed to fighting for racial and economic justice and to bridging the gap that exists between the Black community and public safety officers; and

WHEREAS, The City of Flint joins the nation in concern about the number of police shootings and the mass incarceration of the black community and other communities of color. The United States has the highest incarceration rate in the world, and African-American males are more likely to be incarcerated than any other racial and ethnic group.

WHEREAS, recent events have reengaged a national conversation about the current racial, social and economic injustices in our communities, and have called us to confront and eradicate systemic racism. The police killings of George Floyd, Breanna Taylor, Philando Castille, Freddie Gray, Eric Garner, Tamir Rice, Michael Brown, Oscar Grant, and too many others that raise significant and troubling questions about racial discrimination and the use of deadly force; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flint believes in holding elected officials, public safety officers and community leaders accountable for their actions which strengthen or undermine public safety and racial justice.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the City Council does hereby affirm its commitment to stand in solidarity with the Black community and do all things necessary to resolve as follows:

The City of Flint condemns racial inequity in general and violence against the Black community by law enforcement in particular; and

The City of Flint does not tolerate discrimination, racial injustice, or police brutality; and

The City of Flint declares that Black Lives Matter; and

The City of Flint will urge local, state and national elected officials to develop policies that revive and reinvest in community outreach and policing.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Angela Wheeler, Chief Legal Officer

FOR THE CITY OF FLINT:

Sheldon A. Neeley, Mayor

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL:

Monica Galloway, City Council President