

RESOLUTION NO. 20-59

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ADELANTO, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING RACISM A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND CONDEMNING POLICE VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, the City of Adelanto is a diverse community that values integrity and inclusiveness; and

WHEREAS, recent police violence and pandemic-heightened economic and health disparities have revealed that prejudice and racism can operate at interpersonal and systemic levels, and result in policies and practices, including those within government, that perpetuate inequities in housing, education, employment, transportation, criminal justice and health; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Adelanto desires to increase awareness of social justice issues, promote equity and improve the health, safety and well-being of all residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ADELANTO DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby:

- a. Denounces racism;
- b. Condemns police violence;
- c. Declares that Black lives do matter; and,
- d. Asserts that racism is a public health crisis affecting our entire community.

Section 2. The City Council resolves to endeavor to:

- a. Make progress as an inclusive and equitable organization and seek to identify opportunities to combat racism and foster diversity in City leadership, staffing and contracting.
- b. Pursue educational efforts aimed at understanding and addressing bias and how it affects the delivery of City services and explore programs, tools and strategies that help advance equity.
- c. Cooperate with the San Bernardino County Sheriff to review excessive force policies and explore ways to instill public confidence that public safety is administered equitably.
- d. Support policies at the local, state and federal level aimed at improving public health and dismantling systemic racism.

- e. Build and strengthen alliances and partnerships with other organizations that are advancing initiatives to dismantle systemic racism and improve health outcomes for all residents.
- f. Support community efforts to amplify issues of racism and engage actively and authentically with diverse stakeholders within the City to advance racial equity.

Section 3. The City of Adelanto calls upon the Governor, and the State Legislature to join with us to declare racism as a public health crisis.

Section 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of September 2020.

Gabriel Reyes, Mayor

Brenda Lopez, City Clerk

I, Brenda Lopez, City Clerk of the City of Adelanto, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 20-59 was duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Adelanto on this 23rd day of September 2020, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Adelanto on the 23rd day of September 2020.

Brenda Lopez, City Clerk