

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-232

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA, AFFIRMING THAT RACISM IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

WHEREAS, racism results in the structuring of opportunity and assigning of value based solely on skin color and other physical characteristics, which creates disadvantages to some individuals and communities and advantages to other individuals and communities, thereby preventing societies as a whole from achieving their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization defines public health as the art and science of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through organized efforts; and

WHEREAS, the United States Office of Disease Prevention recognizes that discrimination negatively impacts health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, systemic racism throughout the public and private sectors of society creates disparate outcomes in many areas of life that results in disparities in family stability, healthcare, physical and behavioral health, mental wellness, education, employment, economic development, public safety, criminal justice, incarceration, juvenile delinquency, and housing that disproportionately affects Black Americans and people of color; and

WHEREAS, helping people process the trauma of past injustice and create new narratives based upon equity, fairness, and equal justice can have healing effects, both mentally and physically; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Bernardino and the Mayor and City Council recognize that according to the United States Census, 13.8 percent of residents of the City of San Bernardino identify as Black or African American, alone; 64.8 percent of the population identify as Hispanic or Latino; 4.3 percent identify as Asian, alone.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and City Council affirm that racism is a public health crisis that results in disparities in family stability, health and mental wellness, education, employment, economic development, public safety, criminal justice, and housing.

SECTION 2. Based upon this affirmation, the Mayor and City Council will actively participate in the dismantling of racism by:

- Working with community partners to identify programs, policies and collaborations to address the effects, impacts, and prevention of racism; and

- Collaborate with law and justice agencies and the community to ensure public confidence that public safety is administrated equitably by ensuring that meaningful discussions are conducted to identify mechanisms for researching and addressing public concerns related to law enforcement performance within the City; and
- Building and strengthening alliances with other organizations that are confronting racism, and encouraging other agencies to reconginize racism as a crisis; and
- Supporting community efforts to amplify issues of racism and engaging actively and authentically with communities of color throughout our City; and
- Studying and evaluating existing City policies and practices through a lens of racial equity to promote and support policies that prioritize racial equality.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

APPROVED and **ADOPTED** by the City Council and signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk this ____ day of _____ 2020.

John Valdivia, Mayor
City of San Bernardino

Attest:

Genoveva Rocha, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Sonia Carvalho, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO) ss
CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO)

I, Genoveva Rocha, CMC, City Clerk, hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of Resolution No. 2020-____, adopted at a regular meeting held on the ____ day of _____ 2020 by the following vote:

<u>Council Members:</u>	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
SANCHEZ	_____	_____	_____	_____
IBARRA	_____	_____	_____	_____
FIGUEROA	_____	_____	_____	_____
SHORETT	_____	_____	_____	_____
NICKEL	_____	_____	_____	_____
RICHARD	_____	_____	_____	_____
MULVIHILL	_____	_____	_____	_____

WITNESS my hand and official seal of the City of San Bernardino this ____ day of _____ 2020.

Genoveva Rocha, CMC, City Clerk