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LAW DEPARTMENT
DRAFT NO. 0040

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A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECLARING RACISM AS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IN THE CITY OF WARREN, OHIO AND TO RECOMMIT OUR FULL ATTENTION TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND HEALTH OF OUR MINORITY RESIDENTS BY HONESTLY AND DIRECTLY ADDRESSING THE MINORITY HEALTH INEQUITIES, INCLUDING A SYSTEMATIC, DATA-DRIVEN FOCUS ON POVERTY, ECONOMIC MOBILITY AND OTHER FACTORS THAT IMPACT THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH IN THE CITY OF WARREN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

RESOLUTION NO. 4660/2020

WHEREAS, Racism is rooted in the foundation of America, beginning with chattel slavery in 1619. Now, more than ever, racism, not race causes disproportionately higher rates of homelessness, incarceration, and economic hardships for African Americans and can be seen across systemic, institutional and interpersonal levels all operating over the course of time and across generations throughout our communities; and

WHEREAS, the negative repercussions of historical racism, including but not limited to discriminatory lending practices of the 20th century known as “redlining” and the current limitations and access to healthy, nutritious food, reduced life expectancy and higher rates of infant mortality demonstrate the current impact of racism; and

WHEREAS, this Council and the Administration declares that an emergency situation exists in the City of Warren and County of Trumbull wherein minorities are impacted more greatly by the challenges and inequities in many areas of our community, including but not limited to Crime, Social Capital, Education, Transportation, Employment, Food Access, Health Behaviors, Socioeconomic Status, Environmental Exposure, Access to Health Services, Housing and Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, the members of the City Administration and members of this Council are fully committed to leading the City of Warren to recommitting our full attention to improving the quality life and health of our minority residents by honestly and directly addressing the minority health inequities, including a systematic, data-driven focus on poverty, economic mobility and other factors that are impacting the social determinants of health in our community and also advancing the need to engage directly in a reform agenda for public safety, based on research and significant input from residents to fight racism whenever it is found within our systems; and

WHEREAS, as a civil society, we have an obligation to collectively recognize that racism is real and as a community raise awareness and urge every sector of our City to declare these disparities as a public health crisis and to immediately take the steps to address and support areas that strategically reduce the long term impact of social determinants of health in the City of Warren, NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Warren, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That the Administration and Council of the City of Warren hereby declares Racism as a public health crisis in the City of Warren, Ohio and fully commits to improving the quality of life and health of our minority residents by honestly and directly addressing the minority health inequities, including a systematic, data-driven focus on poverty, economic mobility and other factors that impact the social determinants of health in the City of Warren, Ohio.

Section 2: That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare and for the further reason to end this devastating public health crisis. WHEREFORE, this Resolution shall go into immediate effect.

Passed in Council this 24th day of JUNE, 2020.

SIGNED: [Signature] ATTEST: [Signature]
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL CLERK

FILED WITH THE MAYOR: 6-24-2020

DATE APPROVED: 6-24-2020

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MAYOR, CITY OF WARREN, OHIO

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