

CITY OF WORCESTER

RESOLVED:

That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby declare that racism is a public health emergency and worthy of treatment, assessment and financial investment in order to eradicate negative health impacts. Further, that the City Council of the City of Worcester implore the City Manager concurrently do the same.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City Council of the City of Worcester does hereby: Assert that racism is a public health crisis affecting persons in these United States;
Promote equity efforts aimed at dismantling understanding, and addressing racism in all its forms while concurrently acknowledging that system racism affects the delivery of human and social services, economic development and public safety;
Pledge to enact relevant policies that improve health in Black communities, and supports local, state, regional and federal initiatives that advance efforts to dismantle systemic racism;
Support community efforts to amplify issues of racism and engage actively and authentically with communities of color wherever they live;
Commit to continue to further its work to solidify and further alliances and partnerships with other organizations that are confronting racism and encourage other local, state, regional and national entities to recognize racism as a public health crisis;
To always promote and support policies that prioritize the health of all people, especially people of color and will identify clear goals and objectives, including periodic reports to the City Council, to assess progress and capitalize on opportunities to further advance racial equity.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City Council of the City of Worcester will address racism and public health disparities due to racial inequities. We as a City call upon the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Senate President and the Attorney General to join with us to declare racism as a public health crisis and to enact equity in all policies of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In City Council

June 16, 2020

Resolution adopted by a yea and nay vote of Eleven Yeas and No Nays

A Copy. Attest:



Nikolin Vangjeli
City Clerk

Introduced in City Council by Councilor Khrystian E. King