

CITY OF MILPITAS

PROCLAMATION

COMMITMENT TO RACIAL JUSTICE - JUNE 2020

WHEREAS, the inexcusable killing of George Floyd on May 25, 2020, in Minneapolis drew attention to the racial inequities in America and sparked activism calling for accountability, justice, and change; and

WHEREAS, the most basic form of injustice and inequity occurs when a group of people feel their safety is placed in jeopardy by the very people entrusted with ensuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, the unrest regarding racial injustice, particularly towards the Black community, has been building for decades; and

WHEREAS, the people of the United States of America and in the City of Milpitas have affirmed that they will no longer tolerate the systemic, pervasive racism that has been deeply rooted in this country, in particular racism directed toward Black Americans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milpitas recognizes the community desire for drastic societal change and stands with the Black community, affirming that Black lives matter; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milpitas has a long history of racial activism, becoming one of the first racially integrated communities in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Milpitas is blessed to be a diverse multiracial community that believes that mutual understanding and respect develops a healthier, safer, and more caring community; and

WHEREAS, oppression and violence will not be tolerated in any corner of Milpitas, with the city committed to upholding the safety, equal treatment, and rights of everyone; and

WHEREAS, in January of this year the City Council reaffirmed its commitment to a diverse, supportive, equitable, and inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, if we all dedicate ourselves to racial healing, empathy, inclusion, and transformation, we can bring about the necessary changes in thinking and behavior that will create a future where Black lives are equally valued and protected;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rich Tran, Mayor of the City of Milpitas and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim that the City of Milpitas is committed to racial justice.

PROCLAIMED this 16TH day of June 2020

Mayor Rich Tran