

RESOLUTION
In Support of Black Lives

Whereas, the killing of a Black 46-year-old father of two, Mr. George Floyd, by a police officer has sparked protests in the Village of Canton, our neighboring towns and villages, and across the nation, and

Whereas, these protests remind us once again that for centuries our nation's social institutions, including education, healthcare, business, government, and criminal justice, have systematically and disproportionately discriminated against Black people, and

Whereas, our nation's laws afford everyone, regardless of race or ethnicity, the right to equal protection and equal justice under the law, and

Whereas, we recognize that People of Color who live, study, work, and recreate in Canton experience incidents of racism on an individual and systemic level, and

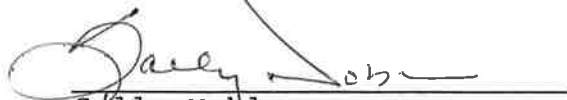
Whereas, the people of Canton wish to welcome and include people of all races and ethnicities and to create a community where everyone can thrive.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Village of Canton Board of Trustees condemns all acts of racism and discrimination against People of Color and affirms that Black lives do matter, and

Be it further resolved, that the Village of Canton Board of Trustees recognizes that it is the responsibility of all elected and appointed officials, municipal staff, and law enforcement personnel, to commit to making the Village of Canton a welcoming, inclusive, and safe community in which people of all races and ethnicities can thrive.

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Village of Canton, St. Lawrence County, New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That (5) five of the members of the Board of Trustees were present at the June 15th, 2020 meeting, and that (5) five of such members voted in favor of the resolution.



Sally Noble
Village Clerk/Treasurer

6/15/2020
Date

RESOLUTION 14

Town of Canton

July 8, 2020

In Support of Black Lives Matter

Whereas, the Declaration of Independence defined the United States of America as a democracy based on the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and government by the consent of the people; and the 14th Amendment instilled equality of the races in the U.S. Constitution; and

Whereas, from slavery to Jim Crow laws to the modern criminal justice system, Black people, including Black transgender people, in this country, have been brutalized, dehumanized and murdered for centuries; and

Whereas, in the 21st Century, Black people in America continue to live in fear of losing their lives at the hands of law enforcement or members of white supremacist groups; and

Whereas, on May 27, 2020 the killing of a Black 46-year-old father of two, Mr. George Floyd, by a police officer has sparked protests in the Village of Canton, our neighboring towns and villages, and across the nation; and

Whereas, these protests remind us once again that for centuries our nation's social institutions, including education, healthcare, business, government, and criminal justice, have systematically and disproportionately discriminated against Black people; and

Whereas, our nation's laws afford everyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, or gender identity, the right to equal protection and equal justice under the law; and

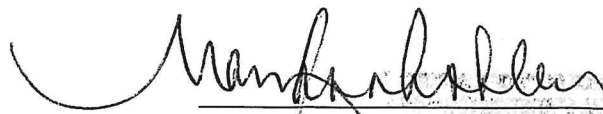
Whereas, we recognize that People of Color who live, study, work, and recreate in Canton experience incidents of racism on an individual and systemic level; and

Whereas, the people of Canton wish to welcome and include people of all races, ethnicities and gender identities, to create a community where everyone can thrive; and

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Town of Canton Town Board condemns all acts of racism and discrimination against People of Color and affirms that Black lives do matter; and

Be it further resolved, that the Town of Canton Town Board recognizes that it is the responsibility of all elected and appointed officials, municipal staff, and law enforcement personnel, to commit to making the Town of Canton a welcoming, inclusive, and safe community in which people of all races, ethnicities and gender identities can thrive.

7/8/2020
Date



Town of Canton

TOWN OF POTSDAM

**18 ELM STREET
POTSDAM NY 13676
315-265-3430**

Town of Potsdam Resolution in support of Black Lives Matter

Whereas, the Declaration of Independence defined the United States of America as a democracy based on the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and government by the consent of the people; and the 14th amendment instilled equality of the races into the US Constitution; and

Whereas, from slavery to Jim Crow laws to the modern criminal justice system, Black people in this country have been brutalized and dehumanized for centuries; and

Whereas, the struggles of Black people have been highlighted most recently by alarming findings that Black Americans are dying from COVID-19 at a much higher rate compared to white Americans due to systemic, structural racism; and

Whereas, in the 21st Century, Black people in America continue to live in fear of losing their lives at the hands of law enforcement or members of white supremacist groups; and

Whereas, on May 27, 2020, 46-year-old father of two, George Floyd, pleaded for his life while handcuffed and on the ground, while a police officer pushed his knee into George Floyd's throat for over nine minutes, ultimately killing George Floyd; and

Whereas, racism and death continue to plague our country despite many pleas for change; and

Whereas on June 1, 2020, nearly one thousand community members peacefully marched through the village of Potsdam in protest of these acts;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Potsdam Town Board condemns the killing of George Floyd and condemns any and all acts of racism and discrimination; and

Whereas, "Equal Justice Under the Law" is a phrase engraved on a pediment in front of the United States Supreme Court, the Town Board believes all law enforcement officials should work toward making this a reality; and

Let us resolve individually to search our own hearts and to decide, in a moral crisis - which in truth is always – what we should do, what we can do and determine what we will do; and

Be it further resolved that the Potsdam Town Board aims to make the Town of Potsdam an even more welcoming, inclusive, and safe community to all, regardless of race or ethnicity.


MOTION by Councilperson Lister SECOND by Councilperson Miller to approve the resolution in support of Black Lives Matter.

ADOPTED: AYES 4 NAYS 0 ABSENT 1
(Carvill, Rich, Lister, and Miller voting aye.)

State of New York)
County of St. Lawrence) SS:
Town of Potsdam)

CERTIFICATION

I, CINDY GOLIBER, Clerk of the Town of Potsdam, County of St. Lawrence and State of New York, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached is a true and exact copy of a Resolution duly passed by the Town of Potsdam Town Council at the Regular Meeting held on June 9, 2020.



CINDY GOLIBER, TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF POTSDAM, NEW YORK



Trustee AL Moved and Trustee AGW Seconded a resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence defined the United States of America as a democracy based on the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and government by the consent of the people; and the 14th Amendment instilled equality of the races into the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, from slavery to Jim Crow laws to the modern criminal justice system, Black people in this country have been brutalized and dehumanized for centuries; and

WHEREAS, the struggles of Black people have been highlighted most recently by alarming findings that Black Americans are dying from COVID-19 at a much higher rate compared to white Americans due to systemic, structural racism; and

WHEREAS, in the 21st Century, Black people in America continue to live in fear of losing their lives at the hands of law enforcement or members of white supremacist groups; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, 46-year-old father of two, George Floyd, pleaded for his life while handcuffed and on the ground, while a police officer pushed his knee into George Floyd's throat for over nine minutes, ultimately killing George Floyd; and

WHEREAS, racism and death continue to plague our country, despite many pleas for change; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020, nearly one thousand community members peacefully marched through the Village of Potsdam in protest of these acts; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2020, hundreds more community members peacefully marched through the Village of Potsdam, joined by Mayor Tischler, Chief Murray and members of the Village Board; and

WHEREAS, "Equal Justice Under the Law" is a phrase engraved on a pediment in front of the United States Supreme Court, the Village Board believes all law enforcement officials should work toward making this a reality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Potsdam Village Board condemns the killing of George Floyd, and condemns any and all acts of racism and discrimination; and

LET US RESOLVE, individually, to search our own hearts and to decide, in a moral crisis — which in truth is always what we should do, what we can do, and determine what we will do; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Potsdam Village Board aims to make the Village of Potsdam an even more welcoming, inclusive, and safe community to all, regardless of race or ethnicity.

Ayes 5

Nays 0