

CONDEMNING RACISM

Moved by Mayor Kloc, seconded by Council Member Boensch to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS: the Saginaw City Council is outraged and appalled by the recent deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and countless other African Americans that have lost their lives to racial violence and police brutality; and

WHEREAS: the City of Saginaw grieves with the families and communities across the nation and calls for accountability of those who perpetuate violence under the badge of the law; and

WHEREAS: racism is a social system with multiple dimensions: individual racism that is internalized or interpersonal; systemic racism that is institutional or structural, and is a system of structuring opportunity and assigning value based on the social interpretation of how one looks; and

WHEREAS: racism unfairly disadvantages specific individuals and communities, while unfairly giving advantages to other individuals and communities. The City of Saginaw's collective prosperity depends upon the equitable access to opportunity for every resident regardless of the color of their skin; and

WHEREAS: racism causes persistent discrimination and disparate outcomes in many areas of life, including housing, education, employment and criminal justice; and an emerging body of research demonstrates that racism itself is a social determinant of health; and

WHEREAS: approximately 45% of the residents of the City of Saginaw identify as Black or African American; and

WHEREAS: these residents deserve to be treated fairly, with dignity, and to have their humanity, existence, and contributions valued; and

WHEREAS: no change will be realized until all citizens of this country stand beside those exclaiming for justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Saginaw, Michigan, will commit to continuing to enact policies that undo the effects of systemic racism in the City of Saginaw.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Saginaw City Council promote equity through all policies approved by the City Council and enhance educational efforts aimed at understanding, addressing and dismantling racism and how it affects the delivery of human and social services, economic development and public safety; and

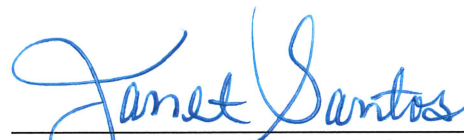
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Saginaw City Council declares there will be zero tolerance for unlawful and excessive use of force by the City of Saginaw Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Saginaw City Council call upon the Governor, the Speaker of the Michigan House, and the Michigan Senate Majority Leader to join with us to declare racism as a public health crisis and to enact equity in all policies of the State of Michigan.

Ayes: Forbes, Boensch, Moore, Scherzer, Milne, Balls, Ostash, Williams, Kloc
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

I, Janet Santos, City Clerk of the City of Saginaw, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the City of Saginaw, Saginaw County, State of Michigan, at a public meeting held on June 8, 2020; the original thereof is on file in the records of the Office of the City Clerk; the meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and minutes of this meeting were kept and will be made available as required.



Janet Santos, CMMC/MMC
City Clerk

