

## RESOLUTION 2020-<u>53</u>0

## A RESOLUTION COMMITTING DELAWARE COUNTY TO EQUAL TREATMENT OF ALL PEOPLE

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County have been troubled by the various events that have occurred throughout the United States which have left a lasting and profound sense of sorrow that have recently occurred; and

WHEREAS, Delaware County and the State of Indiana have had instances over many years of injustices and inequities that have occurred based upon racial, societal and other basis which are not proper or appropriate; and

WHEREAS, racial intolerance, prejudice, or decision making that is based upon any characteristic or trait other than merit are not welcome nor have no place in Delaware County, and

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners want to encourage an inclusive community built on trust and dedication to stand up against all forms of racism and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County are committed to working against the scourge that racism creates and the ensuing damage and destruction that prejudice causes in Delaware County and to ensuring that the rights of every person who lives, works, and visits Delaware County are protected; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners recognize and acknowledge the existence of racism and prejudice have occurred in Delaware County, and vow to reaffirm the County's commitment to the principles that many have fought for and believed in that all people are created equal and that all people regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, and national origin are to be provide opportunities in our community..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, INDIANA:

Section 1: The Board of Commissioners of Delaware County declare that all people in the County are entitled to the basics of human rights and dignities and further affirm Delaware County's commitment to ending disparities based on race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, and national origin.

Section 2: The Board of Commissioners of Delaware County commit to working with its employees, contractors, vendors, suppliers and all members of the community to understand and consider the impact of the decisions and policies based upon improper factors such as race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, and national origin create inequities in the community.

Section 3: The Board of Commissioners are committed to moving our entire community forward in such as way that events similar to the ones that transpired in the past few weeks and in the past history do not keep reoccurring and continuing the cycle of division and conflict.

Section 4: The Board of Commissioners encourage all governmental units in the County and East Central Indiana to conduct its own commitment to removing disparities and situations which foster division because they are based upon race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, and national origin.

Dated this day of July, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DELAWARE COUNTY, INDIANA

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Attest:

Steven G. Craycraft, Auditor

Delaware County, Indiana