

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-60

**A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THAT BLACK LIVES MATTER AND THAT THE CITY OF KENT IS COMMITTED TO CONDEMNING RACISM AND ENCOURAGING A COMMITMENT TO FAIR AND EQUAL TREATMENT FOR ALL.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kent, Ohio, its Mayor and City Council are deeply saddened by the tragic events that continue to occur across our country between police and people of color; and

**WHEREAS**, racism and hate have no place in Kent, and we are committed to working actively against all forms of racism and injustice. We are committed to ensuring that the Constitutional rights of every person who lives, works, and visits our great City are protected; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council vow to work with and support the Kent Police Department in its continuing commitment to fight against racism and treat everyone with respect and dignity regardless of race, creed, religion, sexual orientation, or color; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of Kent, Portage County, State of Ohio, that:

**Section 1.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of Kent, Ohio stand steadfast with all citizens of Kent against racism and reaffirm the City's commitment to fighting for racial justice and human and civil rights for all.

**Section 2.** The Mayor, and City Council are committed to engaging in continuing communication and dialog with the community to address issues of systemic racism and intolerance and their impact on individuals and on the community as a whole.

**Section 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 4.** This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: July 15, 2020  
Date

J. Fiala  
Jerry T. Fiala  
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: July 15, 2020  
Date

ATTEST: Amy Wilkens  
Amy Wilkens  
Clerk of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

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AMY WILKENS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL