



Resolution in Support of Racial Justice

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence provides in part that "...all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness"; and,

WHEREAS, the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees that no person within the jurisdiction of the United States shall be denied the equal protection of the laws of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Marquette is a welcoming community and an exceptional place to live, learn, work, play, build a business and raise a family; and,

WHEREAS, Marquette recognizes the importance of equality and freedom; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Marquette is strengthened by and thrives upon the rich diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, gender and sexual identities of its residents; all of which contribute to the vibrant character of our City; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Marquette that no person be denied the equal protection of the laws; nor shall any person be denied the enjoyment of his or her civil rights or be discriminated against because of their actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, height, weight, marital status, physical or mental disability, family status, sexual orientation, or gender identity; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Marquette has previously adopted and codified protections from discrimination based on actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, height, weight, marital status, physical or mental disability, family status, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Marquette City Commission, do hereby resolve that the City of Marquette, Michigan reaffirms its commitment to the enforcement of the non-discrimination ordinance and states its opposition to systemic racism affecting people of color in this and every other community in the United States of America.

Dated this 8th day of June, 2020.

Jennifer A. Smith
Mayor

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Mayor Pro Tempore

Peter Frazier
City Commissioner

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