

City of Willoughby Hills

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-06-AMENDED

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS' STAND AGAINST RACISM AND THE DESIRED ESTABLISHMENT OF A "BEGIN THE CONVERSATION" ORGANIZATION IN THE CITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Willoughby Hills relishes a richly diverse community; and

WHEREAS, we the leaders of our community support and embrace racial differences; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that many of our citizens are plagued by racism in their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, we declare racism to be a scourge upon our City, our Nation, and our World; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's office and his administrative staff, this Council, the members of the City's Police, Fire and Service Departments, and all citizens of Willoughby Hills hereby denounce any and all forms of racism. We are committed to call racism out and eliminate it from our community; and

WHEREAS, we strive to create and to maintain an environment in our community where all races feel welcomed and respected; and

WHEREAS, we encourage open and honest conversations about race that will welcome various viewpoints of individuals with differences to find common ground and thereby enable all citizens to live in peace and harmony; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and applaud the purpose and efforts of "Begin the Conversation" established several years ago in Lake County;

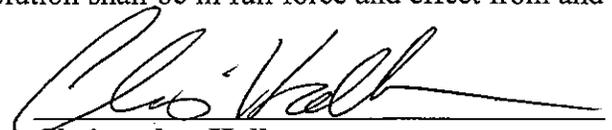
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1. The Council of the City of Willoughby hereby calls for the establishment of a "Begin the Conversation" organization in our City, and to include members from this Lake County organization, the Lake County branch of the NAACP, religious leaders, citizens of all ethnicities and interests in our City, as well as our elected officials and members of our Safety Forces, to thereby come together for the purposes to eliminate racism, promote inclusivity, and celebrate diversity.

SECTION 2. The actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this legislation were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were held in compliance with all legal requirements including Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Willoughby Hills.

SECTION 3. This Resolution constitutes an emergency measure in that the same provides for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Willoughby Hills insofar as it declares the City's stand against racism and allows for immediate action to "Begin the Conversation" in our community; wherefore this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED: July 23, 2020


Christopher Hallum
President of Council

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval
on this 24th day of July, 2020

Approved by the Mayor

ATTEST:

Jaime Moraco
Clerk of Council

G. Andrew Gardner
Mayor