

RESOLUTION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT,
AND REAFFIRMING THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO'S
COMMITMENT TO RACIAL EQUITY

WHEREAS, as America contends with the consequences of 400 years of systemic violence and abuse towards Black people and Black communities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors acknowledges that Black Lives Matter; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is committed to the health, safety and equitable treatment of County residents, and strive to bolster the overall wellbeing of the County by fostering the rights of people of color who have been historically disadvantaged by structural racism; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors acknowledges that over the course of the past few weeks, we have been again reminded that police brutality and general disregard for Black people's lives is prevalent within the United States as evidenced by the horrific video depicting the murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer and Rayshard Brooks by an Atlanta police officer; and

WHEREAS, the murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor are only the most recent evidence of a long and ongoing history of racial violence against Black people and Black communities; and

WHEREAS, racial inequity remains prevalent in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors stands in solidarity with the hundreds of County residents who have exercised their right to protest against racism, inequality, and police brutality in the last few weeks; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors stands in solidarity with the Black community and all communities of color, and

WHEREAS, we hold ourselves, our institutions and our government to the highest possible standards of equity and justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby declares its support of the Black Lives Matter movement and will work to continue to address the root causes of racial inequity in our community by using an anti-racist, racial equity focused lens to assess current and future policies and programs.

Dated: June 23, 2020

SUPERVISORS:

WARREN SLOCUM, PRESIDENT

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DAVE PINE

DAVID J. CANEPA

Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors