

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MN
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2019-011
APPROVING A “NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING” PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, we have all witnessed racism rising in America’s urban, rural, suburban, and tribal communities today that threatens the very core of this great country’s unified front; and
- WHEREAS, just like those who came before us, it is our duty to protect the children of this country and maintain communities in which they may all be given the opportunity to succeed; and
- WHEREAS, we understand and recognize that there is a racial divide in our country and we must all work earnestly to heal the wounds created by racial, ethnic and religious bias and build an equitable and just society so that all children can thrive; and
- WHEREAS, all children have the right to be provided every opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in nurturing environments that don’t violate their safety, dignity, and humanity; and
- WHEREAS, children of color face unique obstacles that prevent their access to opportunity, as a result of historical and current systems and practices; and
- WHEREAS, the economies of communities across this country are depressed by racial inequities that exist across our systems; and
- WHEREAS, every single person has the capability to make a simple change within him or herself that can have a profound effect on an entire society; and
- WHEREAS, if we all dedicate ourselves to the principles of truth, racial healing and transformation, we can all bring about the necessary changes in thinking and behavior that will propel this great country forward as a unified force where racial biases will become a thing of the past; and
- WHEREAS, racial healing is a vital and crucial commitment to the education, social, mental and overall well-being of all our children; and
- WHEREAS, local government has a unique responsibility and opportunity to transform institutions and systems by using a specific lens to change policies, practices and procedures that promote racial inequities while simultaneously ensuring everyone is better off; and

WHEREAS, the city of Northfield, in conjunction with others throughout the United States of America, acknowledges the “National Day of Racial Healing,” and urges all citizens to promote racial healing and transformation in the ways that are best suited for them individually, as a means to working together to ensure the best quality of life for every child; and

WHEREAS, the city of Northfield, has committed to taking action as a municipality to make systemic changes in policies and practices that foster racial healing and advance racial equity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The Northfield City Council does hereby proclaim that this city honors and recognizes January 22, 2019 as the “National Day of Racial Healing” in the City of Northfield.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 22nd day of January, 2019.

ATTEST

City Clerk

Mayor

VOTE: ___ POWNELL ___ DELONG ___ GRABAU ___ NAKASIAN
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