

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, CONDEMNING THE RECKLESS ACTIONS OF THE MINNEAPOLIS POLICE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD, EXTENDING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF GEORGE FLOYD FOR THEIR LOSS, AND SUPPORTING THE FLOYD FAMILY IN ITS CALL FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE FOLLOWING THIS INCIDENT; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cutler Bay (the “Town”) stands firmly in its support for equality and social justice, and with the rest of the Nation in the struggle against injustice; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council believes in the democratic principles that define our municipality, which must be honored and enforced universally, regardless of race, gender identity, religion, or immigration status; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 25, 2020, George Floyd, a 46-year-old black man, was killed in Minneapolis, Minnesota, during an arrest for allegedly using a counterfeit bill; and

**WHEREAS**, police officer actions during the arrest included kneeling on Mr. Floyd's neck until he became unresponsive, leading to his death; and

**WHEREAS**, the basic missions of police are maintaining public safety, enforcing the law, and preventing, detecting, and investigating criminal activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the senseless use of excessive force by a small percentage of officers interferes with these missions by undermining the public's confidence in police; and

**WHEREAS**, the resulting community distrust continues to cause tension and outrage towards police, often culminating in violence that tears at the nation's social fabric; and

**WHEREAS**, it is our duty to foster a community free of fear, intimidation, and violence – a community in which people are not targeted or hurt unnecessarily by law enforcement – and provide equal protection under the law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council, along with its Charter Officials and Staff, pledge to lead by example in taking concrete action to deny racial inequity a place in our Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the Town are encouraged to be cognizant, compassionate, and responsible in addressing this very difficult and real problem in our society; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Council reaffirms our commitment to the larger goals of social justice and delivering the promise of good and fair public safety protection; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Council finds that this Resolution is in the best interest of the public health, welfare, and safety of the Town's residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2. Declaration.** The Town Council hereby (1) condemns the reckless actions of the Minneapolis police officers involved in the death of George Floyd, (2) extends condolences to the family of George Floyd for their loss, and (3) supports the Floyd Family in its call for justice and peace following the incident.

**Section 3. Transmittal.** The Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the United States Department of Justice.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2020.

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TIM MEERBOTT  
Mayor

Attest:

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DEBRA E. EASTMAN, MMC  
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE  
SOLE USE OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN  
COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.  
Town Attorney

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Mayor Tim Meerbott \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle \_\_\_\_\_

Council Member Robert “BJ” Duncan \_\_\_\_\_

Council Member Michael P. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_

Council Member Roger Coriat \_\_\_\_\_