



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No appropriation required.

Title

Condemning white supremacy and honoring those who have lost their lives to institutionalized racism and white supremacist violence.

Body

WHEREAS, the City of Madison recognizes that the State of Wisconsin is the most segregated state in the country; and,

WHEREAS, the murder of Ahmaud Arbery is one of many recent incidents of white supremacist violence that has unnecessarily and tragically taken the lives of countless black Americans; and,

WHEREAS, the Southern Poverty Law Center reports that hate and domestic extremism are rising in an unabated trend and found a 20 percent increase in U.S. hate groups between 2014 and 2019; and;

WHEREAS, in January 2014, the City of Madison approved Resolution 14-00919- Recognizing the role of the Common Council in addressing institutionalized bias and proactively advancing racial equity to recognize the City's understanding that government needs to work to actively undo institutional and structural racism; and,

WHEREAS, in February 2017, the City of Madison approved Resolution 17-00125- Reaffirming the City of Madison as an Open and Welcoming City, and Confirming the City's Policies on Federal Immigration Laws, and;

WHEREAS, in September 2019, the City of Madison approved Resolution 19-00731 Supporting the Wisconsin Public Health Association's Campaign Against Racism and Recognizing Racism as a Public Health Crisis; and,

WHEREAS, it is the moral responsibility of all people of good conscience to stand in opposition to racial violence and injustice; and,

WHEREAS, it is particularly incumbent upon white individuals to stand in solidarity with people of color in opposing acts of racial violence,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Madison Mayor and Common Council condemn hate, xenophobia, racism, white supremacy, Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, sexism and other forms of bigotry; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Madison Mayor and Common Council join people in Madison and around the United States in opposing white supremacy and reiterate our commitment to pursue anti-racist policies and practices.