

RESOLUTION NO: 10-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTERSVILLE, IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA, CONDEMNING RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cartersville and the City of Cartersville Police Department, are deeply saddened and concerned by the tragic events that have recently occurred across the country and here in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cartersville and the City of Cartersville Police Department, are expressly opposed to racism, bigotry, hate and violence in any form; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cartersville and the City of Cartersville Police Department, are committed to actively working against the damaging effects of racism and to ensuring the Constitutional rights of every person who lives, works and visits Cartersville, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, people of all race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, mental disability, or physical ability contribute to Cartersville's strength and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cartersville, and the City of Cartersville Police Department, will continue to be honest and transparent with internal and external stakeholders and will continue to build on the culture of trust within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cartersville, and the City of Cartersville Police Department, believe that equal justice should and can be provided to all. That equal justice and the safety and security which is facilitated by having a police department are not mutually exclusive and should be available to all members of the public. Furthermore, they can and should be provided without racism, bigotry, hate, and violence to all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cartersville Police Department has long been a diverse department that has a reputation for employing men and women of the highest ethical standards that understand and are taught the importance of equal treatment to every citizen and business owner; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cartersville Police Department is State Accredited, and our officers annually receive more training that exceeds what is the requirement by the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the City of Cartersville Police Department appreciate the overwhelming support from our great community and hereby promises to protect, serve, and exceed the expectation of honesty, transparency, and fair treatment to all citizens; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and visitors, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cartersville and the City of Cartersville Police Department wish to condemn racism, bigotry, hate, and violence which **cannot** be tolerated in Georgia and in particular, Cartersville, Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTERSVILLE, IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

that as representatives of the City of Cartersville Government, we stand with all citizens of the City of Cartersville and the City of Cartersville Police Department against racism in all of its forms and reaffirm our commitment as a City and as a Police Department to providing an environment that supports civil rights for all.

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARTERSVILLE, this 18 day of June, 2020.

ATTEST:

/s/ Meredith Ulmer
Meredith Ulmer, City Clerk
City of Cartersville, Georgia

/s/ Matthew J. Santini
Matthew J. Santini, Mayor
City of Cartersville, Georgia

Kari Hodge
Kari Hodge, Council Member - Ward 1

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