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FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 – 29

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT, AND CIVIL RIGHTS FOR ALL PEOPLE, NOTABLY THOSE INDIVIDUALS FROM HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED GROUPS

WHEREAS, Black lives matter; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous lives matter; and

WHEREAS, The lives of all marginalized, and oppressed people matter; and

WHEREAS, The preceding statements in no way diminish the fact that the lives of all people matter; and

WHEREAS, All lives will not truly matter until the lives of Black people, Indigenous people, and all people of color matter; and

WHEREAS, On May 25, 2020, George Floyd was callously and casually murdered while being detained by officers of the Minneapolis Police Department; and

WHEREAS, The murder of Mr. Floyd sparked nationwide public protest, demonstration, and riot; and

WHEREAS, Alaska has among the highest per capita rate of killing of Black and Indigenous people by public safety officers in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Systemic racism in our society, economy, government, and policing is endemic; and

WHEREAS, The aforementioned systemic racism has caused, and continues to cause incalculable human suffering; and

WHEREAS, The Fairbanks North Star Borough is a community that values civil rights, peace, and equality under the law for all people, regardless of their group identity or identities.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly stands in solidarity with those fighting for equality, and justice in the Black Lives Matter movement which is neither an endorsement for or against the Black Lives Matter political organization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly stands in solidarity with those calling for reform of policing, and those calling for increased social support for the most vulnerable members of our society; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly unequivocally condemns the excessive use of force and the unjustified killings by public safety officers in our community and beyond, disproportionately harming individuals who are member of minority groups, tragically typified by the murder of George Floyd.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be transmitted to City of Fairbanks Mayor and City Council, City of North Pole Mayor and City Council, the Interior Delegation, and to Governor Michael Dunleavy.

ADOPTED THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2020.



Christopher Quist  
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



April Trickey, CMC  
Borough Clerk

Yeses: Sanford, Cash, Lojewski, Lyke, Tomaszewski, Cooper, O’Neill, Quist, Williams  
Noes: None