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**Township Council**  
1 Municipal Plaza  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

**Louise M. Palagano**  
*Municipal Clerk*

<http://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com>

Meeting: 06/08/20 07:00 PM

**2020 RESOLUTION AGREEMENTS**

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**RESOLUTION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**WHEREAS**, we are haunted by the searing vision of a Minneapolis police officer kneeling on a subdued man's neck, as other officers witnessed Mr. George Floyd's pleas for help be ignored by the very people who are trained to help and assist; and

**WHEREAS**, we are haunted, too, by the knowledge that this was not an isolated incident in our country. The number of names and similar experiences is unconscionably long and an undeniable part of the history of this nation; and

**WHEREAS**, we extend our condolences to Mr. Floyd's family and friends and to all who grieve his death. We offer our thoughts to the members of our community who have been personally impacted as well; and

**WHEREAS**, we condemn the actions of the police officers involved; and

**WHEREAS**, we feel compelled to say affirmatively and with real compassion that violence like this is yet another blow to persons of color, who too often are told by our society that they do not matter; and

**WHEREAS**, the most pervasive forms of racism are covert and institutionalized; and

**WHEREAS**, as public officials, this tragedy makes us reflect on our own practices, behavior, and attitudes. We strive to remain ever thoughtful in our work - as public officials - to ensure that all members of our community feel part of the Township of Bloomfield and feel protected, listened to, and served by their public servants; and

**WHEREAS**, as public officials, it is our duty to use our legal and moral authority to protect all members of our community no matter their race or color or where they fall on the power spectrum. It is our duty to foster a community free of fear, intimidation and violence and provide equal protection under the law.; and

**WHEREAS**, we know we can do better as a country to confront the systemic racism that has brought us to this place of fear and distrust; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Bloomfield desires to continually transform itself into a more inclusive and socially just town through the adoption of anti-racist and social justice principles, values, practices, and policies; and

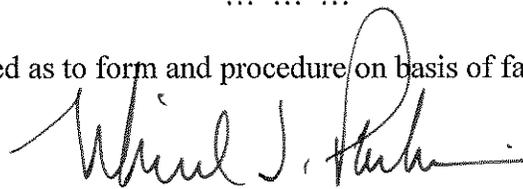
**WHEREAS**, we know many of the young people in our community have seen this video and other similar news, and are trying to process these traumatizing events with their families; and

**WHEREAS**, in the aftermath of this tragedy, we reaffirm our commitment to the larger goals of social justice and will focus on how we can deliver on the promise of good and fair public safety protection. We will work with our community leaders to determine the best ways for us to engage on this important mission as we continue to move forward.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, to condemn all acts of hate and bigotry and commit to working with public safety leadership and the community at large to develop a comprehensive approach towards anti-racism and social justice transformation.

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Approved as to form and procedure on basis of facts set forth.



Director of Law-Township Attorney

I do hereby certify that the funding will be legally appropriated per the above information for the purpose specified in the attached contract. Furthermore, it has been represented to me that the contracts have been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of New Jersey Local Public Contract Law and the Code of the Township of Bloomfield.



Chief Financial Officer

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on June 08, 2020.



Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield



Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✓ Vote Record - Resolution						
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