

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 35**  
**Series of 2020**

**TITLE: A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RACISM AND HATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wheat Ridge, its Mayor, City Council, City Manager, Chief of Police, the entire Wheat Ridge Police Department and employees city-wide, are deeply saddened by the deaths of Black Americans, including the senseless death of George Floyd on May 25, 2020 in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wheat Ridge affirms that the lives of Black people matter and the nationwide movement both articulates and brings awareness to the injustices that exist at the intersections of race, class, and gender including: mass incarceration; police brutality; poverty; unaffordable housing; income disparity; homophobia and transphobia; gender inequality; poor access to health care; and poor access to equitably resourced education and educational opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, recent events are a compelling reminder that for the past 401 years, including 155 years since the abolition of slavery in the United States, violent acts and prejudices are perpetrated daily against Black people in our country and in our own community; and

**WHEREAS**, racism and hate have no place in our City. There is much work to be done to stop pervasive, long-standing and devastating racial injustices in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, we strive to be a community where all mothers, fathers and caregivers can raise their children to feel safe and where all people can feel safe, regardless of the color of their skin, the language they speak, their country of origin, their religion, their gender identity, their sexual preference, and ability; and

**WHEREAS**, we are committed to safeguarding our community against the root causes of, and the damages stemming from, racism and hate and to protecting the Constitutional and human rights of every person who lives, works and visits our City; and


**WHEREAS**, the Wheat Ridge Police Department is a nationally accredited agency and has embraced the six pillars of policing from President Obama's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing including: Building Trust and Legitimacy, Policy and Oversight, Technology and Social Media, Community Policing and Crime Reduction, Officer Training and Education and Officer Safety and Wellness; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wheat Ridge pledges to work alongside community leaders and residents to provide effective public safety, while continuing to earn the trust of the community they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution is an important step towards condemning racism and hate in all its forms and that for true systematic change, it is incumbent on city leaders and community members to listen with open hearts and minds and to take informed, meaningful actions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado stand steadfast with all citizens of Wheat Ridge against racism and reaffirm its commitment to fighting for racial justice and human and civil rights for all.

**DONE AND RESOLVED** this 22nd day of June, 2020.

  
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Bud Starker, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Steve Kirkpatrick, City Clerk

