

PATTON TOWNSHIP
CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 014

**A RESOLUTION OF PATTON TOWNSHIP, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA,
DENOUNCING RACISM, OPPRESSION AND BRUTALITY AGAINST PERSONS OF
COLOR AND OTHERS WHO DO NOT HAVE A VOICE AND CALLING UPON GOOD
POLICING THAT ESTABLISHES TRUST AND BUILDS COMMUNITY.**

WHEREAS, the members of the Patton Township Board of Supervisors have been duly elected/appointed to represent the residents, businesses and property owners of Patton Township, and we each have sworn an oath to "support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth", and

WHEREAS, these documents preserve and protect individuals' rights of speech, assemblage and to petition and the right to life and liberty, and

WHEREAS, recent national incidents including the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Antwon Rose Jr., Osaze Osagie and others have fractured trust nationwide in law enforcement and governing responses to racism,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Patton Township Board of Supervisors:

REAFFIRMS our commitment to the principles stated in the Township's Resolution on Diversity (2017- 006) that welcomes all people to live and visit free of discrimination and affirms that individual rights will be upheld and protected by the Board, and

DENOUNCES racism, all forms of oppression and brutality against persons of color and others who do not have a voice, and

AFFIRMS that good policing involves establishing trust and building community to keep all our citizens safe, and

CALLS UPON our Patton Township Police Department to continue with its commendable efforts to build trust and positive relationships with our community, striving to treat everyone they encounter with respect, dignity, compassion, courtesy and caring for those in need and for continuing to work and listen to our community, and

CALLS UPON all residents, businesses and visitors in our Township to treat every human life as a valued life regardless of the color of one's skin, and to fully embrace and demonstrate by our actions the words of our Pledge of Allegiance—"With Liberty and Justice for All."

HEREBY RESOLVED this 17th Day of June, 2020

ATTEST:



Douglas J. Erickson, Secretary

PATTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Elizabeth B. Whitman, Chair

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