



CITY OF  
*Fontana*

## PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-004

### A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FONTANA DECLARING RACISM A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS IN THE CITY OF FONTANA, CALIFORNIA.

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization defines public health as the art and science of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through organized efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fontana recognizes the need to address the persistent social, economic, educational and environmental disparities that are a result of racism; and

**WHEREAS**, racism is a social system with many dimensions that act on systematic, institutional and interpersonal levels; and

**WHEREAS**, racism causes disproportionately high rates of homelessness, incarceration, poor education, poorer health outcomes, and economic hardships; and

**WHEREAS**, disproportionately higher rates of chronic disease, mortality, poverty, economic distress, and the adverse effects of health outcomes for African Americans and other racial minorities are widely recognized and documented, yet continue to persist throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fontana and the City Council recognize that according to the 2010 United States Census, 8.9 percent of residents of the City of Fontana identify as Black or African American, alone; 40.4 percent of the population identify as Hispanic or Latinx, alone; 6.3 percent identify as Asian, alone; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated racial and social inequities by disproportionately impacting communities of color; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF FONTANA AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Proclamation by this reference.

**SECTION 2.** The City of Fontana and the City Council affirm that racism is a public health crisis that results in disparities in health and mental wellness, education, employment, economic development, and criminal justice.

**SECTION 3.** Based upon this Proclamation, the City of Fontana initiates and supports efforts that work toward promoting a fair and just society; ending racial and social disparities; eliminating barriers that reduce opportunities for residents of color; and meaningfully advancing justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion.

**SECTION 4.** Severability. If any provision of this Proclamation or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Proclamation that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Proclamation are severable. The City Council declares that it would have adopted this Proclamation irrespective of the invalidity of any particular portion of this Proclamation.

**SECTION 5.** Effective Date. This Proclamation shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PROCLAIMED** by the City Council this **14<sup>th</sup>** day of **July 2020**.

  
Mayor Acquanetta Warren

