

Barre City Resolution #2020-05

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING SYSTEMIC RACISM AND POLICE BRUTALITY

Whereas the City of Barre condemns all forms of racism and police brutality, including the recent and past killings of people of color including George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and countless others, and supports and commits to protecting all of its residents; and

Whereas data shows that there are racial disparities in the criminal justice system in Vermont, including one of the highest per capita rate of incarceration of Black men of any state in the nation; and

Whereas as public leaders we have a responsibility to speak out against violence, racism, bias, discrimination and police brutality, in addition to hate crimes and violence that create fearful and unstable neighborhoods; and

Whereas the City of Barre recognizes, not only the historical but, the ongoing dynamics within our community, state and nation that have allowed racism, sexism, ableism, and other forms of injustice and oppression to continue; and

Whereas in response to this the City of Barre has established a Diversity and Equity Committee to combat these social injustices, as well as review its policing policies to combat these issues; and

Whereas the City of Barre commits to protect the rights of all people and will speak out when it sees injustice happen; and

Whereas the Barre City Council stands together to speak out about any form of bigotry, discrimination or hate, in speech or action, against any groups, from whatever the source; now therefore be it

Resolved, that

1. The Barre City Council condemns acts of racism and police brutality that have divided and hurt communities across our nation; and
2. The City of Barre will continue to ensure policing free of discrimination and other forms of oppression, and actively work to reduce negative impacts on historically marginalized communities.
3. The Barre City Council supports this resolution as a symbolic gesture of solidarity with those fighting against racism, police brutality, and all injustices, while dedicating ourselves to real, structural change.

By order of the City Council of the City of Barre, Vermont this 30th day of June, 2020.



Lucas Herring, Mayor

City of Barre, Vermont