

**RESOLUTION NO. 37-2020**

**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR JAMES GRAVEN AND COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

**THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS IS RESOLVED TO OPPOSE RACISM AND RACIAL INJUSTICE AND IS COMMITTED TO PROMOTING RACIAL JUSTICE AND UNITY AMONG OUR CITIZENS.**

**WHEREAS**, recent national events and deaths involving the use of excessive police force in this country has resulted in public outcry against racial injustice; and

**WHEREAS**, the City supports the right of people to engage in peaceful protests against racial inequity, and to call for a change in racial attitudes and practices; and

**WHEREAS**, our City is committed to promoting an inclusive community; and

**WHEREAS**, our police department on April 1, 2018 initiated a Community Contacts program which is intended to advance police community relationships among all of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, our police department is also committed to the reasonable use of force and actively supports efforts to resist racism and recognize that all people must be treated equally and with respect. Now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** This Council, City Administration, and our Police Department is committed to resisting racism and recognizing that all people are entitled to be treated equally and with respect.

**SECTION 2.** This Council and City Administration supports the right of people to peacefully assemble and protest in support of racial justice and unity.

**SECTION 3.** This Council and City Administration commits itself to oppose racial injustice in both belief and practice, while promoting equity and unity among all people.

**SECTION 4.** This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution have been taken at open meetings of this Council; and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, took place in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with all legal requirements, including without limitation, those set forth in Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

