

RESOLUTION NO. 2747

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOLDEN CITY COUNCIL DECLARING SUPPORT FOR BLACK LIVES AND RACIAL EQUITY THROUGH A PUBLIC DISPLAY

WHEREAS, In November 2006, City Council passed Resolution No. 1721 promoting equal opportunity, fairness and citizen participation and engagement, urging Golden residents to join together in the effort: and

WHEREAS, Golden Vision 2030 Values adopted in 2010, includes Sense of Community -- a value of keeping and enhancing our sense of community pride, our diversity, inclusiveness and tolerance of others, and our community character; and

WHEREAS, in March 2017, City Council introduced a Proclamation reaffirming Golden's continued Commitment to Being a Welcoming and Inclusive Community. In the Proclamation, City Council noted that Lu Holland, a civic leader and business owner, intended our arch to proclaim to one and all that they are valuable and precious to us and we are glad that they are here, and;

WHEREAS, Golden City Council recognizes that the experience of feeling welcomed, included, valued, , and safe in Golden is not shared by all Golden residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Golden City Council in Resolution No. 2736 declared racism as a public health crisis and committed to listening, learning, and acting to advance racial equity and improve the quality of life and health for all; and

WHEREAS, community members have stated that they have been victims of racism and have witnessed racism in Golden; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to make an overt expression of inclusion and respect for Black¹ persons who live in or visit Golden to demonstrate that Golden does not tolerate racism or bigotry and will stand up for anyone facing discrimination; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to acknowledge and state that Black persons have not been treated equally. Council believes that displaying a banner that proclaims that Golden Stands with Black Lives will uplift Black persons, while not denigrating the worth of other lives. Council recognizes when Black persons are treated and acknowledged as equal, we all stand to gain; and

WHEREAS, City Council recognizes that the antidote for racism is personal stories and shared human experience. Talking about race is uncomfortable, but it is in this discomfort where we can learn the most.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO:

¹ Capitalization of Black to best convey elements of shared history and identity, and reflect our goal to be respectful of all the people and communities (<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/05/insider/capitalized-black.html>)

That this Council does hereby commit to a public display of its support of Black persons and racial equity for the purpose of demonstrating community solidarity for Black residents and visitors through the hanging of a banner that reads “Golden Stands with Black Lives” from the “Welcome to Golden Arch” on Washington Avenue. Such a banner shall be displayed on the Arch for a total of 60 days (that need not be consecutive) commencing on or before September 9, 2020, to be scheduled by staff in a manner that accommodates other commitments to post notifications of community events on the Arch.

Adopted this 27th day of August, 2020



Laura Weinberg
Mayor

ATTEST:



Monica Mendoza
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



David S. Williamson
City Attorney

I, Monica S. Mendoza, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a certain Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Golden, Colorado at a regular business meeting thereof held on the 27th day of August, 2020.



ATTEST:



Monica S. Mendoza, City Clerk of the
City of Golden, Colorado