



PROCLAMATION

Condemning Racism in Marysville and Declaring Our City a Hate-Free Zone

- WHEREAS, the tragic, unnecessary death of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer on May 25 was just one recent example of many people of color who have lost their lives as a result of racism, discrimination or hatred; and
- WHEREAS, thousands of people of conscience in Marysville, Snohomish County, our state and our nation are understandably outraged and demanding change; and
- WHEREAS, many messages we are hearing today echo those of the Civil Rights Era in America, when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his famous 'I Have A Dream' speech in 1963; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. King said, "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal;" and
- WHEREAS, further, he continued, "Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy ... Now is the time to lift our nation from the quick sands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children;" and
- WHEREAS, these words, although nearly 60 years old, continue to ring true today because we still have much work to do; and
- WHEREAS, here in Marysville, our community is stronger because of our diverse population and our proven ability to work together in hard times to improve ourselves and our relationships with one another; and
- WHEREAS, one such example is the Peaceful March Against Racism on Thursday, June 11, organized by community members and Marysville high school Black Student Unions;

NOW, THEREFORE I, JON NEHRING, MAYOR, on behalf of the City Council and our community, do hereby:

- Condemn and stand against racism, discrimination and hatred,
- Commit to accountability, fairness, equity and justice throughout city government, and
- Declare the City of Marysville a Hate-Free Zone.

I encourage all Marysville residents, businesses and organizations to stand against racism and to support all of our neighbors in the spirit of love, community and the human family.

Under my hand and seal this eighth day of June, 2020.

THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

Jon Nehring, Mayor