

The Orange County Board of Supervisors Commitment to Action Against Racism

By the authority of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the following resolution is hereby issued:

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of Supervisors declares our commitment to protect and improve the lives of Orange County residents in acknowledging the grave harms of racism and commit our role as county government to repudiate those who perpetrate acts of racism; and

WHEREAS, we will not allow racism to perpetuate through inaction; and

WHEREAS, the events of 2020 and 2021 have rightly elevated a national dialogue on the many ways racism can permeate our communities; and

WHEREAS, racism exacerbates social-economic challenges, such as a lack of access to adequate housing, education, healthcare, and employment, as well as an elevated risk for justice involvement; and

WHEREAS, racism negatively impacts our county by denying our residents opportunities to advance their lives through hard work and their own merit; and

WHEREAS, we believe in a re-examination of policies and practices that have a discriminatory impact and will work to promote racial, health, and economic equity, implement community-based policy, work with law enforcement agencies to promote better handling and documentation of incidents, support the expansion of training and accountability for law enforcement, work to improve the use of de-escalation strategies, and institute proven approaches to working with behavioral health issues and disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS declares our commitment to protect and improve the lives of Orange County residents in acknowledging the grave harms of racism, repudiate those who perpetrate acts of racism, and commit to work in our role as a county government to eradicate racism.

Dated this 23rd Day of March 2021