

RESOLUTION

NO. 2020-69

ADOPTED: July 2, 2020

WHEREAS, in response to both current and historically disparate treatment of Black Americans, and a disproportionate number of Black American deaths from encounters with police, a nationwide movement has arisen to assert that Black Lives Matter; and

WHEREAS, this movement began in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Treyvon Martin's murderer, and to date we have added the names: George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Amadou Diallo, Manuel Loggins Jr., Ronald Madison, Kendra James, Sean Bell, Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Alton Sterling, Sandra Bland, Philando Castile, Freddy Grey, Tamir Rice, Breonna Taylor and countless other unarmed black people; and

WHEREAS, this movement has raised awareness about injustices that exist at the intersections of race, class and gender, including mass incarceration, police brutality, poverty, affordable housing, income disparity, homophobia, unjust immigration policies, gender inequality, and poor access to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, systemic racism is present in all functions of our society; and


WHEREAS, systemic racism has not been sufficiently addressed and eradicated in our society, and continues to harm millions across this country; and

WHEREAS, Hopewell Borough residents have joined protests demanding action to end violence and address systemic racism throughout our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hopewell Borough Council stands in solidarity and declares "Black Lives Matter." No matter where you are, black lives matter, and a system of fair, transformative, and restorative justice that is accountable to communities is something to which each of us has a right; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Hopewell Borough Council encourage all police departments to continue to engage in good faith efforts to protect and serve their communities utilizing the tools of de-escalation and reform.

ATTEST:



Michele Hovan
Borough Administrator/Clerk



Paul Anzano
Mayor