

Resolution No. 234-2021

By Council Members McCormack, Griffin and Hairston

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Strongly supporting Ohio Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4 declaring racism a public health crisis and asking the Governor to establish a working group to promote racial equity in Ohio.

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, this Council adopted Resolution No. 296-2020, declaring racism a public health crisis and establishing a working group to promote racial equity in the City of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 2021, Ohio Senators Hearcel Craig and Sandra R. Williams introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4 (SCR 4) declaring racism a public health crisis and asking the Governor to establish a working group to promote racial equity in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes that racism is the origin of every inequity experienced by African-Americans in Ohio and in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this Council agrees that racism will not simply go away, but that we must be committed to consistently dismantle racist structures; and

WHEREAS, for the reasons set forth in R. 296-2020 and SCR 4, this Council believes that the time to declare racism a public health crisis is now, and therefore wholeheartedly supports the adoption by the State legislature of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council strongly supports Ohio Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4 declaring racism a public health crisis and asking the Governor to establish a working group to promote racial equity in Ohio.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio State Senators Hearcel Craig and Sandra R. Williams.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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4/5/2021

