



Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

PROCLAMATION

“A National Day of Racial Healing”

WHEREAS, we have all witnessed racialized oppression and division rising in America’s urban, rural, suburban, and tribal communities today that threatens the very core of this great country’s unity; and

WHEREAS, just like those who came before us, it is our duty to protect the children of this country and maintain communities in which they may all be given the opportunity to succeed; and

WHEREAS, we understand and recognize that there is a racial divide in our country and we must all work earnestly to heal the wounds created by racial, ethnic and religious bias and build an equitable and just society so that all children can thrive; and

WHEREAS, children have the right to be provided every opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in nurturing environments that don’t violate their safety, dignity, and humanity; and

WHEREAS, every single person has the capability to make a simple change within him or herself that can have a profound effect on an entire society; and

WHEREAS, if we all dedicate ourselves to the principles of truth, racial healing and transformation, we can all bring about the necessary changes in thinking and behavior that will propel this great country forward as a unified force where racial biases will become a thing of the past; and

WHEREAS, racial healing is a vital and crucial commitment to the education, social, mental and over all well-being of all our children; and

WHEREAS, the County of Kalamazoo, in conjunction with Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (TRHT) Kalamazoo, along with others throughout the United States of America, acknowledges January 17, 2023, as the “National Day of Racial Healing,” and urges all citizens to promote racial healing and transformation in the ways that are best suited for them individually, as a means to working together to ensure the best quality of life for every child.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim that this County honors and recognizes January 17, 2023 as the “National Day of Racial Healing.”

Adopted: January 17, 2023

Moved: Wheeler
Seconded: Rey

Roll Call Vote: Yes (7): Deleeuw, Gisler, Heppler, Rey, Strebs, Taylor, Wheeler; No (1): Mazer; Abstains (0); Absent (1): Morales



John Taylor, Chair
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO)

I, Meredith Place, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Kalamazoo County, Michigan (the "County") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a proclamation adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on January 17, 2023. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed by signature this 18th Day of January 2023.





Meredith Place
County Clerk/Register of Deeds