

## NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING 2021 PROCLAMATION

ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME – GREETINGS:


- WHEREAS: Just like those who came before us, it is our duty to protect the children of this **City of Austin** and maintain communities in which they may all be given the opportunity to succeed; and,
- WHEREAS: We must all work earnestly to create courageous and supportive environments that acknowledge the traumatic past; promote the healing of the wounds created by racial, ethnic and religious bias; and build an equitable and just society so that all of **City of Austin**'s children can thrive; and,
- WHEREAS: Children have the right to be provided every opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in nurturing environments that do not violate their safety, dignity, and humanity; and,
- WHEREAS: Every single person has the opportunity to exhibit an act of kindness to make a simple change within themselves 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 **City of Austin** 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 overall, well-being of all residents in the **City of Austin**, particularly children; and,
- HEREAS: The **City of Austin**, in conjunction with others throughout the State of Arkansas, and the United States of America, acknowledges January 19, 2021, as the "National Day of Racial Healing in the **City of Austin**," and urges all citizens to promote truth, 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, I, **Bernie Chamberlain**, Mayor of the **City of Austin**, do hereby proclaim January 19, 2021, as

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREFORE, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of **City of Austin**, Arkansas, to be affixed.

  
Bernie Chamberlain, Mayor

  
Shirley Sudduth, Recorder