



Proclamation

CONDEMNING AND STANDING AGAINST RACISM, DISCRIMINATION, AND HATRED

WHEREAS, today we mourn the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Amhaud Arbery, and Manuel “Manny” Ellis and other people who have lost their lives as a result of racism, discrimination, or hatred; and

WHEREAS, people across our country and within our own community are harming others by their words and acts of racism, discrimination, and hatred; and

WHEREAS, words and acts of racism, discrimination, and hatred can be both intentional and unintentional, but either way such words and acts are unjust; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote “In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends” and it is only right and moral that we identify, condemn, and stand against all forms of racism, discrimination, and hatred; and

WHEREAS, it is important that I recognize and own my biases, that I listen, that I strive to do better, and that I take genuine action to stand against racism, discrimination, and hatred; and

WHEREAS, our community and our country must do better to take genuine action to stand against racism, discrimination, and hatred; and

WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor of the City of Monroe, Washington, do hereby promise to:

1. Condemn and stand against racism, discrimination, and hatred, and
2. Better understand and acknowledge those privileges I enjoy while others do not, simply because of my heritage, background, and experiences, and
3. Enforce accountability, fairness, equity, and justice in the court and all departments at the City of Monroe, including within our Police Department, and
4. Listen and learn about how I can do better and how our community can do better to embrace, support, and lift up people who are discriminated against and marginalized, and
5. Promote and embrace diversity, equity, inclusiveness, and justice for everyone in our community and beyond.

FURTHER, I DO HEREBY submit that residents, employers, places of worship, and elected officials in our community must engage in similar commitments to condemn and stand against racism, discrimination, and hatred and to support peace, love, positivity, and a true unity of spirit.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor