

PROCLAMATION

OF SOLIDARITY AND A COMMITMENT TO ADDRESSING RACISM IN OUR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita, like so many communities across our nation, are saddened by the senseless murder of George Floyd and the many other individuals who were needlessly and tragically killed under similar circumstance; and

WHEREAS, racism threatens the strength and safety of the Fruita community, which is built upon open dialogue, mutual respect and understanding between diverse perspectives; and

WHEREAS, the Fruita community must acknowledge and reflect upon pervasive systemic and institutional racism throughout the United States, including in the Fruita community, and must commit to disrupting, dismantling and ending such destructive structures; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, as well as the members of the Fruita community, have a responsibility to listen to, learn from, and support those in our community most impacted by systemic racism and social injustice; and

WHEREAS, addressing the racism within the Fruita community is our ethical obligation; and

WHEREAS, we stand in solidarity with the Black and minority voices of our community, and we support those peacefully protesting and taking a stand against systemic racism, oppression, social injustice and inequity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Fruita City Council declares we are making a long-term commitment to listen, learn, reflect, reassess, openly converse and take action to address systemic racism, oppression, social injustice and inequity within the Fruita community and throughout the Grand Valley.

Joel Kincaid, Mayor of the City of Fruita

Date

