



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON  
STATE OF NEW YORK**

Date: July 22, 2020

Sponsored by Council Members: Resciniti, Riley, Friedman, Burns, Strawn, Scanlon

Introduced by Committee: Municipal & Public Affairs

**RESOLUTION**

*entitled*

**A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING HATEFUL  
ACTS AND RACISM**

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence defined the founding of the United States of America on the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and governments deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed and today we often turn to words written in the Declaration, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal”; and

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution affirmed equal protection under the law; and

WHEREAS, from slavery and Jim Crow laws, to segregation and the modern criminal justice system, systemic racism has led to Black people in America being brutalized and dehumanized for centuries; and

WHEREAS, even in the 21st Century, communities of color have endured the violent acts of racist and white supremacist groups, as well as illegal killings by law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, 46-year-old Black father of two, George Floyd, pleaded for his life while handcuffed and on the ground, while a police officer pushed his knee into Mr. Floyd’s neck for eight minutes and forty-six seconds, ultimately killing Mr. Floyd in a horrific act of murder; and

WHEREAS, racism and death still continue to plague our country despite many pleas for change; and

WHEREAS, civil rights leaders have reported an increase in bias, harassment, and hate crimes, particularly against Asian American, Black, Jewish, Latino, immigrant and other marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, racism, xenophobia and intolerance are evils prevalent in all societies; and

WHEREAS, continued failures of our institutions to rightfully address the effects of oppression and inequality have perpetuated these injustices; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2020, one thousand community members marched on Main Street to Recreation Park in protest of these acts, joining one of the largest protest movements in American history; and



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON  
STATE OF NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, "Equal Justice Under the Law" is engraved on the west pediment of the United States Supreme Court, this City Council believes all government officials should work together toward making this a reality; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THIS CITY COUNCIL,

Celebrates the Life and Advocacy of John Lewis who spent much of his life fighting to end racism of all kinds; with only actions and words that placed peace and non-violence above all else; and

Unequivocally condemns the killing of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Eric Garner, Breonna Taylor, and condemns all acts of racism; and

Rejects discrimination of any kind, and denounces related harassment based on race, ethnicity, physical ability, socioeconomic status, gender or sexual orientation, age or religion; and

Encourage citizens to promote inclusiveness, celebrate diversity, support our fellow residents and reject hate in all forms; and

Aims to make the City of Binghamton an even more welcoming, inclusive, and safe community to all, regardless of race or ethnicity, and in doing so listen to and honor our marginalized communities.

Introductory No. R20-65

Permanent No. R20-66

Sponsored by City Council Members:  
Resciniti, Riley, Friedman, Burns, Strawn, Scanlon

A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING HATEFUL  
ACTS AND RACISM

The within Resolution was adopted by the Council of  
the City of Binghamton.

Date 7/22/2020

City Clerk Michelle E. Adams

Date Presented to Mayor 7/23/2020

Date Approved 7/23/2020

Mayor Michael A. Siro

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Scaringi				✓
Councilwoman Resciniti	✓			
Councilwoman Riley	✓			
Councilwoman Friedman	✓			
Councilman Burns	✓			
Councilman Strawn	✓			
Councilman Scanlon	✓			
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

Code of the City of Binghamton

Adopted  Defeated

6 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain 1 Absent

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of the legislation adopted by the Council of the City of Binghamton at a meeting held on 7/22/2020. Approved by the Mayor on 7/23/2020

