RESOLUTION NO. 20-036

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF RACIAL JUSTICE AND BLACK LIVES MATTER

Findings

WHEREAS, the City of Pacific Grove (City) is committed to ensuring that its residents prosper and enjoy a sense of safety as they live, work and play in Pacific Grove; and

WHEREAS, that commitment extends to all residents regardless of race; and

WHEREAS, the tragic death of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020 at the hands of police officers ignited demonstrations across the country including the City on which demonstrators demanded justice for the deaths of Mr. Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and far too many other Black Americans during encounters with police; and

WHEREAS, these deaths have sparked a national conversation about policing, systemic injustice, race and a recognition that that our country's promise of equity and justice remains unfulfilled for many Black Americans; and

WHEREAS, the City is listening to the demands of residents and protestors who are demanding that the City take action to change policies to prevent violent encounters with the police and modify practices to strengthen relationships between police and Black Americans, as well as all people of color in Pacific Grove; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that racism, not race, causes disproportionately high rates of homelessness, incarceration, poor education, health issues, including mental health, and economic hardship for Black and Brown Americans; and

WHEREAS, the City Police Department's policies and staff have demonstrated a commitment to positive policing in our City to include recent policing policy updates; and

WHEREAS, the City is actively reflecting and identifying how it can promote racial justice through concrete actions, policies and practices that dismantle systemic racism in order to bridge the gap between our values and reality; and

WHEREAS, the City commits to holding elected officials, public safety officers, and community leaders accountable for their actions to promote racial justice and ensure the promise of public safety and prosperity is accessible for all; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:
1. The foregoing Facts are adopted as findings of the City Council as though set forth fully herein.

2. The City of Pacific Grove supports racial justice and condemns racism and prejudice.

3. The City of Pacific Grove condemns the use of unlawful excessive force by the police.

4. The City of Pacific Grove does hereby affirm its support of racial justice and stands in solidarity with the Black community.

5. The City of Pacific Grove declares that Black lives matter.

6. The City of Pacific Grove will develop policy through a comprehensive racial equity lens to ensure the social, economic, and physical well-being of the Pacific Grove community regardless of race.

7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately following its passage and adoption by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE this 2nd day of December, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Peake, Councilmembers Amelio, Coletti, McAdams, Poduri, Smith, and Tomlinson.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVED:

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BILL PEAKE, Mayor

ATTEST: 12/3/2020

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SANDRA KANDELL, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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DAVID C. LAREDO, City Attorney