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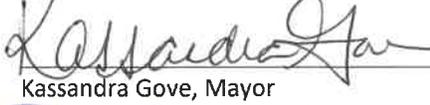
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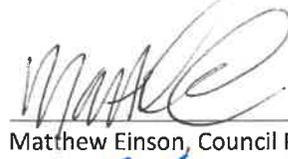
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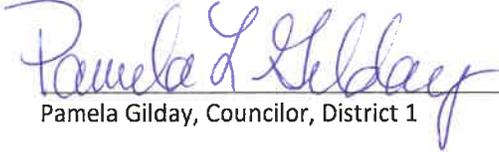
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A Resolution to Affirm Support for Racial Equality

Summary: The Mayor and City Council affirms its support for racial equality and human rights in the City of Amesbury

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of Amesbury to uphold the human rights of all persons regardless of race, color, religious creed, national origin, immigration status, sex, age, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital, family or military status, and source of income or disability; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2020 Mayor Cassandra Gove and Police Chief William Scholtz, representing the leadership team of the City of Amesbury, denounced the egregious actions of the Minneapolis police officers and mourn the killing of George Floyd on May 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in response to, and in recognition of, the overwhelming support for Black lives locally and throughout the state, country, and world and for addressing and ultimately ending pervasive and systematic racism in America in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, the Amesbury Police Department (APD) remains committed to upholding the highest standards in policing, having been first accredited by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission in 2001 and receiving re-accreditation again most recently in February; and

WHEREAS, the APD is a leader in maintaining strong social service agency partnerships in its approach to community policing with Pettengill House, Inc. and other local agencies to provide support services, interventions, and programs; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Gove and the City Council seek to ensure that ALL City Departments provide services in a fair and equitable manner, consistent with the vision of equality and human rights for all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Amesbury strives to be a welcoming community, where all people can feel welcome, safe, secure, protected, and valued and whose human rights are respected and upheld.

Be it resolved by the City Council assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

That the Mayor and the Amesbury City Council affirms its support for racial equality and human rights in the City of Amesbury and will continue to develop and strengthen programs, hiring practices, training, and community outreach to ensure that Amesbury reaches its goal of being welcoming of all people.