

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA ACKNOWLEDGING GLENDALE'S
RACIALLY EXCLUSIONARY PAST AS A 'SUNDOWN TOWN'**

WHEREAS, racial disparities have existed since the birth of this nation, to the detriment of Black communities and people of color, and persist across wealth, health, education, the criminal justice system, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census reported that the Black or African American population of Glendale in 1920 was 0.16% and in 2019 was 1.6%;

WHEREAS, although no official ordinance or law of the City of Glendale has been found imposing sundown restrictions, oral and written history, public accounts, and newspaper articles plainly demonstrate Glendale's history as a "sundown town" for a significant portion of the 20th century;

WHEREAS, such sundown towns throughout the state of California, along with towns and cities in many other states, excluded—often by social and cultural means, including police profiling—members of non-white racial and ethnic groups, particularly African Americans, from living in said jurisdictions or even being inside the city limits after sundown;

WHEREAS, the Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacist organizations established themselves and held meetings in Glendale;

WHEREAS, many real estate subdivisions created in Glendale adopted and enforced racially restrictive covenants and deed restrictions that kept African Americans and people of color from purchasing property and living in those subdivisions for several decades in the 20th century in Glendale;

WHEREAS individuals who were not white were prohibited from being buried in Glendale's Forest Lawn Memorial Park until the 1960s;

WHEREAS redlined maps of Glendale established risk of lending to particular neighborhoods in south Glendale based on the presence of minorities;

WHEREAS, the City of Glendale understands the importance of examining what role it has played in institutional racism, both historically and currently, and is ready to embark on a journey towards racial literacy; and

WHEREAS, the Glendale City Council envisions a city that fosters diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout every community in Glendale;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE does hereby resolve, declare, and determine, as follows:

- (A) The City of Glendale acknowledges, apologizes for, and condemns all racially-motivated, discriminatory, or exclusionary aspects of the City's history, and deeply regrets the pain, hurt, and suffering such policies have caused;
- (B) The City of Glendale City Council and staff will continue to engage in individual and collective work to understand bias;
- (C) The City of Glendale will continue to examine the historical role that racism has played in Glendale by committing resources to draft a historical context statement with a racial/ethnic theme to better understand and address historical development patterns within Glendale;
- (D) The City of Glendale will review and revise its policies, procedures, ordinances, values, goals, and missions through an anti-racism lens to foster an unbiased and inclusive environment that is free of discrimination and harassment toward any person or group;
- (D) The City of Glendale has launched a year-long series of educational programming to enhance and elevate culturally diverse artistic voices and to bring additional focus on systematic racism by amplifying cultural voices through a lens of diversity, equity and inclusion;
- (E) The City of Glendale will promote inclusion and equity, and will stand up to bigotry, hatred, intolerance, racism, and violence; and
- (F) The City of Glendale unequivocally rejects racism in all its forms and is committed to working towards building an antiracist Glendale where people of all races and cultural backgrounds are welcome to live and prosper.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)
CITY OF GLENDALE)

I, ARAM ADJEMIAN, City Clerk of the City of Glendale, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. _____ was duly adopted by the Council of the City of Glendale, California, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2020 and that the same was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

City Clerk