

Lower Gwynedd Township Board of Supervisors

Resolution 2020- 14

WHEREAS; the last few months have required us all to focus on what community in action looks like. All Lower Gwynedd residents have sacrificed, sheltered in place, and socially distanced so that the most vulnerable amongst us remained as safe as possible. Our lives were altered, but we rallied to ensure that we did what was best for the individuals who make up our community; and

WHEREAS; after the murder of George Floyd, we were horrified, saddened, and left in a state of disbelief and grief. Mr. Floyd's death was just the latest in a long and tragic line of black lives that were ended by abusive and callous police authorities; and

WHEREAS; the Lower Gwynedd Police Department recently shared its shock at the death of Mr. Floyd and reiterated the Police Department's commitment to "Protect and Serve" with compassion and concern. Lower Gwynedd is fortunate to have a Department with an excellent history of serving the community. We are proud of our community's history and want to be at the forefront of addressing the complex needs that are presented by accurately representing everyone's needs. However, we still need to commit ourselves to ensuring that everyone in our township feels safe; and

WHEREAS; Black Lives Matter is about humanity. It is a movement that advocates for affirming the humanity of Black Lives in the face of historic systemic oppression. As Township Supervisors, we concur that Black Lives Matter and we support our First Amendment right of peaceful protest under the Constitution, support those who affirm that right, and admonish those who would abridge it; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; as a township, we need to discuss what community safety means to us and what it should look like. We do not have all the answers; but using best practices and data driven models, we must begin an inclusive community dialogue; and

THEREFOR BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the Lower Gwynedd Township Board of Supervisors will be holding open meetings within the next six months to address community safety issues so that Lower Gwynedd can create and implement a set of best practices for continued community safety.

DULY PRESENTED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of Lower Gwynedd Township at a public meeting held on the 23rd day of June 2020.

LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP



Mark Grey, Chair

(TOWNSHIP SEAL)

Attest: 

Craig McAnally, Manager/Secretary