BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 69-2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, CELEBRATING THE DIVERSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY AND DENOUNCING ALL ACTS OF RACISM, INTOLERANCE AND UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence defined America as a covenant based on equality, the unalienable Rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and government by the consent of the people;

WHEREAS, American patriotism is defined not by race or ethnicity but by devotion to the Constitutional ideals of equality, liberty, inclusion, and democracy and by service to our communities and struggle for the common good;

WHEREAS, there is exists a national public outcry for unity among the many diverse members of every community which requires mutual respect and social responsibility; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Stuart values a community characterized by diversity and respect for individuals of all races, ethnicities and national origins as an integral part of our cultural fabric as a community; and

WHEREAS, each of us has the ability to promote inclusiveness, celebrate diversity, support all fellow community members, and reject hate and bias in all forms; and

WHEREAS, the City affirms its commitment to the well-being and safety of all community members and is committed to ending the spread of all forms of intolerance and unlawful discrimination.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The foregoing precatory language is incorporated herein, as if set forth below.

SECTION 2: The City of Stuart denounces all acts of racism, intolerance and unlawful discrimination and will not tolerate this behavior at any level.

SECTION 3: The City of Stuart expresses its disapproval and condemnation of any racist, intolerant and unlawful discriminatory acts.

SECTION 4: The City of Stuart calls upon all its residents to continue to treat each other with respect and to maintain patience during these difficult times while recovering from the State of Emergency created by the Covid-19 pandemic.

SECTION 5: The City of Stuart will work with other government entities and community partners to continue to advance equity and inclusion necessary to achieve a truly diverse, inclusive and tolerant environment for all residents.

SECTION 6: Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

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Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
MICHAEL J. MEIER, MAYOR				
EULA R. CLARKE, VICE MAYOR				
MERRITT MATHESON, COMMISSIONER				
REBECCA S. BRUNER, COMMISSIONER				
Vacancy				

ADOPTED this 8th day of June, 2020.

ATTEST:

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MARY R. KINDEL
CITY CLERK

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MICHAEL J. MEIER
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

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MICHAEL J. MORTELL
CITY ATTORNEY