

**Presented By:**  
Council Member Topkok

**Action Taken:**  
Yes 5  
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**CITY OF NOME, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-20-09-06 (amended)**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BLACK LIVES MATTER**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nome stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement, which was organized in response to injustices such as the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tamir Rice, Michael Brown Jr. and far too many other Black Americans to list, to demand justice; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Black Lives Matter movement, like the civil rights and Black Power movements before it, has highlighted the injustices that exist at the intersections of race, class, and gender; including mass incarceration, police brutality, poverty, unaffordable housing, income disparity, sexual orientation; gender inequality, poor access to healthcare, and educational outcomes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nome, Nome Police Department, and the community of Nome is committed to working proactively to identifying class, cultural bias, and policies and practices that contribute to institutional barriers and impede equal access to opportunities for all minority populations; and,

**WHEREAS**, citizens of Nome marched in a peaceful protest in support and solidarity of those afflicted by injustice on June 10, 2020; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the City of Nome and the Nome Police Department acknowledge, recognize and are actively dedicated to engage in purposeful communication and dialogue with the membership of the community, reflective of Nome's Racial diversity to address and correct historical injustices moving forward ensuring racial equity; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City of Nome, Nome Police Department, and community of Nome condemns all racial inequity, and shall not tolerate racial discrimination, racial injustice, or police brutality, and shall take all steps necessary to hold our City and community accountable to these commitments, including the following measures:

- Prioritize the updating and revision of the Nome Police Department (NPD) Operations & Procedures Manual (OPM), in particular sections relating to the use of force;
- Commit to hiring practices that will result in a police force that is reflective of our community's demographics;
- Reaffirm the mission and purpose of the Public Safety Advisory Commission in tackling issues related to public safety in Nome;
- Partner with community-based organizations designed to address the root causes of why people end up in the criminal justice system; and,
- Ensure adequate and ongoing proper training and funding to the NPD staff on racial equity, the use of force, and transparent practices.

**APPROVED** and **SIGNED** this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

  
**JOHN K. HANDELAND, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**BRYANT HAMMOND, Clerk**