

City of Lexington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, A National Day of Racial Healing is an annual observance hosted by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) and was created with and builds on the work and learnings of the Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation (TRHT) community partners. Fundamental to this day is a clear understanding that racial healing is at the core of racial equity. This day is observed every year on the Tuesday following Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Launched on Jan. 17, 2017, it is an opportunity to bring ALL people together in their common humanity and inspire collective action to create a more just and equitable world; and

WHEREAS, we all recognize the growing racial divisiveness across urban, rural, suburban and tribal communities, that threatens the very core of democracy; and

WHEREAS, just like those who came before us, it is our duty to protect the children of this country and the world, and maintain communities in which they may all be given the opportunity to succeed; and

WHEREAS, we understand and recognize that we must all work earnestly to heal the wounds created by racial, ethnic and religious bias and build an equitable and just society; and

WHEREAS, children have the right to be provided every opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in nurturing environments that do not violate their safety, dignity and humanity; and

WHEREAS, if we all dedicate ourselves to the principles of truth, racial healing, and transformation, we can all bring about the necessary changes in thinking and behavior that will propel this great country forward as a unified force where racial biases will become a thing of the past; and

WHEREAS, racial healing is a vital and crucial commitment to the education, social, mental, and overall well-being of all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lexington in conjunction with others throughout the United States of America and across the globe, acknowledges the Tuesday following Martin Luther King, Jr Day as the “National Day of Racial Healing.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Newell Clark, Mayor of the City of Lexington, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, January 18, 2022, as

A NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING

in Lexington, and urge all to honor and recognize racial healing and transformation in the ways that are best suited for them individually, as a means to working together to ensure the best quality of life for all people.

Newell Clark Mayor