Proclamation

ON SOCIAL INJUSTICE

WHEREAS, the death of George Floyd, an African American man, by the hands of police officers of the Minneapolis Police Department while in custody, leaves all persons shocked, appalled and infuriated by police misconduct, and

WHEREAS, the actions and in-actions of those officers were a disgrace to the law enforcement community, and were so egregious that the people of the United States of America have taken to protests and demonstrations throughout the nation to confront the issues of racial discrimination inequality and misconduct by police, and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon every person in this country to take a stand against racism, discrimination, misconduct, and violence, and send a clear message that those behaviors have no place in a civilized society; and

WHEREAS, our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected, especially the families and friends; by the social injustices that have occurred, and

WHEREAS, all people must condemn and refuse to tolerate racism, injustice and violence of any kinds toward any person and that all people must work together to build a future that ensures fairness, respect, dignity, security, and justice for all, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Pierre Boutros, Mayor for the City of Birmingham, proclaim the condemnation of the killing of George Floyd, and further condemn all forms of misconduct, racism, and discrimination, and we set forth our commitment to work for a more just society that provides safety, opportunity, and equality under the law for all those in America, irrespective of race, religion, ethnic origin, or sexual orientation.

On behalf of the City of Birmingham this 5th day of June, 2020.

Pierre Boutros, Mayor