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2 **George Floyd** - For the purpose of memorializing this tragedy as a point in time when the City
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5 disregards human life will not be tolerated.

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7 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
8 **City of Annapolis**

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10 **Resolution 32-20**

11 **Introduced by: Alderwoman Tierney**

12 **Co-sponsored by: Alderman Gay, Mayor Buckley,**
13 **Alderwoman Pindell Charles, Alderman Savidge, Alderwoman Finlayson,**
14 **Alderman Arnett, and Alderman Paone**

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17 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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19 **George Floyd**

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22 the citizens of Annapolis to join hands with their City officials and civic leaders in
23 committing to each other that violent and disrespectful treatment that degrades dignity or
24 disregards human life will not be tolerated.

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26 **WHEREAS,** on June 18, 2018, the City Council unanimously adopted Resolution R-28-18 to
27 express its support for the Equal Justice Initiative, to move toward a more complete
28 history of race relations and to affirm the City's commitment to truth, freedom and
29 equity.

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31 **WHEREAS,** on May 25, 2020, George Floyd, an African American man died at the hands of
32 four Minneapolis, Minnesota, police officers; and

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34 **WHEREAS,** according to reports, one of these officers held his knee on Mr. Floyd's neck for 8
35 minutes and 46 seconds; 2 minutes and 53 seconds of which occurred after Mr.
36 Floyd became unresponsive, and according to the criminal complaint filed against
37 the officer, Mr. Floyd was handcuffed and lying prone on the road throughout that
38 time. Three other officers participated in this death, with one holding Mr. Floyd's
39 back, one holding his legs, and the fourth looking on as he stood nearby. According
40 to the Minneapolis Fire Department, paramedics moved Mr. Floyd from the
41 location and were doing chest compressions and other lifesaving measures on an
42 "unresponsive, pulseless male", after which time Mr. Floyd was taken to Hennepin
43 County Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. The family autopsy stated
44 "asphyxiation from sustained pressure was the cause" of Mr. Floyd's death.

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2 **WHEREAS**, the officer who held his knee on Mr. Floyd’s neck, was arrested on May 29, 2020,
3 and faces charges of second-degree murder and manslaughter, according to the
4 Hennepin County Attorney. As of this writing, the other three officers will be
5 criminally charged but actual charges are not known, according to Senator Amy
6 Klobuchar.

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8 **WHEREAS**, our local public leaders have spoken out as follows:

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10 Annapolis City Mayor Gavin Buckley,

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12 *"No one should suffer such brutality. Our hearts go out to the family of Mr. Floyd and to the*
13 *people of Minneapolis. Annapolis shares your struggle for justice." ‘*

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15 Anne Arundel County Health Officer Nilesh Kalyanaraman,

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17 *“Silence is the space in which injustice grows.*
18 *We must all speak up when we see injustice, particularly when we are not the target of that*
19 *injustice.”*

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21 Anne Arundel County Police Chief Timothy Altomare,

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23 *"We're here united today to condemn the trash we saw on that video and to urge people in Anne*
24 *Arundel County to keep talking, to keep caring and to do things the right way in a healthy*
25 *manner. Human life matters. We exist to protect it."*

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27 Annapolis Police Chief Edward Jackson,

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29 *“Let us all work together in the City of Annapolis and become the model agency that the nation*
30 *can emulate.”*

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32 Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman,

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34 *"I encourage every white adult of privilege to watch that video. And when you do, imagine that*
35 *Mr. George Floyd, the victim trapped under the knee of that officer, was your brother. And*
36 *when you're done, I encourage you to take a deep breath, set your jaw and pledge to push back*
37 *for the rest of the waking hours of your life against every wedge driven by hate, fear, and racism*
38 *between the people of this country."*

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40 Anne Arundel County School Superintendent George Arlotto,

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42 *“The frustration and pain felt by so many is fully justified. However, we must channel those*
43 *emotions toward the kindness, acceptance, and inclusion we all desire to see in each other and*
44 *which we as a school system seek to impart to our students every day. Only by doing that can we*
45 *build our communities up and not tear them down.”*
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1 Anne Arundel County Branch of the NAACP President Jacqueline Boone Allsup,

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3 *“This moment calls for us to unite around the outrage we feel and fight for the justice we*
4 *demand. Now is the time to stand up and speak out as we guide our communities and our nation*
5 *to the right side of justice.”*
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7 Carl Snowden, Caucus of African American Leaders,

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9 *“People reach a point where enough is enough. I'm telling people as clearly as I can that we're*
10 *at that point.”*
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12 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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14 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City Council first and
15 foremost extends its condolences to the family of George Floyd.
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17 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City
18 Council recognizes that we all come from a common thread as a single human race and call on our
19 country to recognize the value of human life.
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21 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City
22 Council fully supports and strongly endorses peaceful unification throughout this country
23 opposing this and similar deplorable acts of violence against persons of color and those of different
24 ethnicity, religions, beliefs, or expressions, both now and in perpetuity.
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26 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City
27 Council supports that all steps should be taken including an independent investigation to bring
28 those involved in Mr. Floyd’s death to justice.
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30 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City
31 Council encourages all Annapolis residents to take this time to employ our human capacity for
32 compassion, in continuance of furthering racial equity in our community.
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34 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City
35 Council calls upon our community to join with us in committing to introspective evaluation of
36 ourselves as public servants, citizens, and as brothers and sisters regarding this event.
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38 **AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City
39 Council commits to our community that our organization does not and will not tolerate, or accept
40 in any way, the violent or disrespectful treatment of others that degrades dignity or disregards
41 human life FOR WE ARE “ONE ANNAPOLIS!”
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44 **EXPLANATION**

45 Underlining indicates matter added.

46 [~~Strikethrough~~] indicates matter stricken.

