

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-06-031R

RESOLUTION OF AFFIRMATION OF TEN SHARED PRINCIPLES

**(Illinois NAACP State Conference and Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police
Established March 22, 2018)**

WHEREAS, the Illinois NAACP State Conference is part of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, established in 1909 following race riots in Springfield, Illinois; and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police was established in 1941, and

WHEREAS, the NAACP “advocates for smarter, results-based criminal justice policies to keep our communities safe, including ... an end to racial disparities at all levels of the system,” and

WHEREAS, the NAACP’s principal objective “is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination,” and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Chiefs declare in their Vision Statement that the association values “Compassion, Integrity, Accountability, Fairness, Professionalism, Innovation, Continuous Improvement, Diversity, [and] Inclusion,” and

WHEREAS, both organizations acknowledge that there are historical reasons for some mistrust between police and communities of color, and

WHEREAS, both organizations have a mutual passion for defending and protecting the civil rights of all citizens and in keeping our communities and citizens safe, and

WHEREAS, the associations conducted four joint leadership-level gatherings called “World Cafes” in 2016 and 2017 in Bloomington, Lake County, the Quad-Cities, and Champaign, where a total of ninety-seven leaders from law enforcement and communities of color discussed common concerns and “what most needs our attention going forward,” and

WHEREAS, the associations conducted four joint leadership-level gatherings called “Let’s Talk” -- in 2016 in Tinley Park and Bloomingdale, and 2017 in Tinley Park and Mt. Vernon, where a total of one hundred and seventy-seven leaders from law enforcement and communities of color discussed common concerns and “where do we go from here,”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, of the City of Urbana, Illinois, as follows:

That we vow by mutual affirmation to work together and stand together in our community to implement these values and principles, and to replace mistrust with mutual trust wherever, whenever, and however we can, and that the City of Urbana/Urbana Police Department will host a World Café workshop led by the NAACP State Conference and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police to discuss and guide community stakeholders and law enforcement professionals in implementation of the Principles.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this Date day of Month, Year.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this Date day of Month, Year.

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor