

The City of Bloomington Human Relations Commission denounces the murder of Mr. George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis, MN police officer. The Bloomington Human Relations Commission serves as a catalyst to resolve conflicts within the community through the use of mediation and conciliation.

The mission of the Human Relations Commission is to foster tolerance and mutual respect through education and public awareness programs. We support making the City of Bloomington a welcoming place that promotes diversity and inclusion, respect for the individual, and the dignity of all.

We stand in solidarity with black communities everywhere in addressing issues of racism and rally around those dedicated and courageous citizens who have become a coalition of all races marching together to speak truth to power in the wake of Mr. Floyd's death.

We sympathize with the anger and frustration brought on by decades of abuse, injury, death and the failed promises of incremental change, by those in power whose shameless perpetuation of grievous and inhumane treatment of black citizens is partly the reason for the creation of our human relations commission and other public bodies of similar purpose. We endorse the current protesters in their effort to effect change as the representative voice of those who have suffered or lost their lives, at the hand of some in law enforcement, as they proceed in a manner that is profound, efficacious and respectful of all who support this cause.

If you witness a hate crime or incident, please report it to both the Bloomington Human Relations Commission at (309) 434-2468 and the Bloomington Police Department at (309) 820-8888.