

## **NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING 2021 PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS: Just like those who came before us, it is our duty to protect the children of the City of Jonesboro and maintain communities in which they may all be given the opportunity to succeed; and

WHEREAS: We must all work earnestly to create courageous and supportive environments that acknowledge the traumatic past, promote the healing of the wounds created by racial, ethnic and religious bias, and build an equitable and just society so that all of Jonesboro's children can thrive; 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: Every single person has the opportunity to exhibit an act of kindness to make a simple change within themselves that can have a profound effect on an entire society; 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 city 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 residents, particularly children; and

WHEREAS: The City of Jonesboro, in conjunction with others throughout Arkansas and the nation, acknowledges January 19, 2021, as a "National Day of Racial Healing." We urge all residents to promote truth, racial healing and transformation in ways that are best suited for them individually, as a means to working together to ensure the best quality of life for every child.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold Copenhaver, Mayor of the City of Jonesboro, do hereby proclaim January 19, 2021, as

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREFORE, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal Of Jonesboro, Arkansas, to be affixed.

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Harold Copenhaver, Mayor