

Amendment to the Resolution in Support of Displaying a Black Lives Matter Flag and Sign

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2021, the Richmond Selectboard adopted a revised Resolution in support of displaying a 'Black Lives Matter' flag and a 'Black Lives Matter' sign for a period of three months each year which begins each June 19th, a date also known as "Juneteenth" the date of emancipation from slavery for Black Americans and;

WHEREAS, the fight for true equity for Black and Brown peoples is not yet achieved by evidence of continued systemic racism, discrimination and perpetuation of violence towards non-white people in disproportion to their representation in the population, and that this discrimination occurs all days of the year in Vermont and nationally and;

WHEREAS, other marginalized groups in our society such as LGBTQIA+, Jewish and Muslim communities are facing increasing discrimination and violence which also demands recognition and support, and

WHEREAS, to make visible our Town's values outlined in our Declaration of Equity and Inclusion that states in part that we welcome 'all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, age, or disability' and that we 'will strive to ensure all of our actions, policies, and operating procedures reflect this commitment';

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Richmond will continuously and prominently display these commitments by sign and flag, to remind all those who live in and travel through our community that Black (and Brown) Lives Matter and that we are Welcoming to All.

Adopted by the Town of Richmond Selectboard on August 18, 2025.

Jay Furr, Selectboard Chair