

# HUMAN RELATIONS INITIATIVE

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## CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY HEALTH AND EQUITY COMMITTEE

### **DECLARING RACISM, A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND TO ESTABLISH STRONGER EFFORTS TO PROMOTE RACIAL EQUITY IN SAN ANTONIO**

The Human Relations Initiative, Inc., has reviewed the August 7, 2020 Community Health and Equity committee session. Upon request to the Office of the City Manager, we were provided a draft of the resolution. The draft referenced the City of San Antonio Metro Health Department's establishment of the Office of Health Equity in 2017, and a 2019 Racial Equity Indicator Report, which provided metrics specific to Bexar County and the City of San Antonio.

Human Relations Initiative, Inc. appreciates the City of San Antonio's complete compilation of supporting evidence which provides documentation specific to the reality, effects, and impacts of racism and inequity within our community.

**We were very pleased to learn of the unanimous passage of a resolution out of the Community Health and Equity committee on declaring racism a public health crisis, and to establish stronger efforts to promote racial equity in San Antonio.**

Our sincerest and genuine thanks to the members of the Community Health and Equity Committee for being outspoken, providing appropriate leadership, and heartfelt humanity.

Human Relations Initiative, Inc. has built a distinguished record of 65 plus years of service to the San Antonio Region through our portfolio of services. Those services include, however are not limited to the following: Advocacy Work, Community Outreach, Dialogue Initiatives, Diversity Training, Educational Outreach, Emergency Resource Availability, Interfaith Awareness, Lawmaking/Legislative Policy Analysis, Social Justice Initiatives, and Programs.

Human Relations Initiative, Inc. will continue advocating for racial justice, furthering promotion of racial equity, and working to dismantle and eliminate racism in all its forms. Respectfully, Human Relations Initiative, Inc. has requested to be included in the ongoing and forthcoming efforts by the City of San Antonio through the our portfolio of services.

For those who are marginalized; inequality must be acknowledged and both historical and current racial and discriminatory actions must be admitted. The goal must be for all minorities to truly be respected by all, treated as equals, included as their lives matter too, and recognized as worthy and valuable individuals of the human race!

Human Relations Initiative, Inc. remains committed to ensuring equality is no longer dismissed as a luxury, but instead recognized as a commodity, in hopes for it to be realized!

For more information, to review resources, or to request assistance; please visit <https://humanri.org/>.

Together, we can be collaborative champions of diversity, equity, and inclusion for all people.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Human Relations Initiative, Inc. is a non-partisan organization which advocates for cultural social transformation by advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion through awareness, education, and dialogue.