

Statement of the Boulder City Council Condemning Racist Violence and Bigotry

Boulder stands with the people of Charlottesville and other cities throughout the country and world in its condemnation of racism, violence and bigotry, which have no place in our society or our community.

In the aftermath of the hate-motivated violence in Charlottesville, the City of Boulder reaffirms its commitment to a society based on justice, equality and dignity of all people and to confront the persistent presence of bigotry, violence and institutional racism of white supremacy in our country.

Boulder acknowledges that this country began with an invasion of land that had long been civilized by native people and that the wealth of this country was built by enslaved people. Institutional racism has been with us from the beginning. Despite decades of civil rights legislation, it is clear that it remains firmly entrenched.

The notion of white supremacy must be vanquished. It must be named explicitly and it must be condemned unequivocally. We must acknowledge that this aspiration may take generations but we must not give up.

Boulder firmly believes and is committed to the value that municipalities and local communities across the country can drive change and decrease hate and violence. We must take a firm stance against hate and violence, leading and modeling positive change, enacting ordinances, laws and policies and being powerful champions of diversity and inclusion.