

Resolution 2020-2

Introduced and Passed by unanimous vote of the Commissioners at its regular town meeting on June 15, 2020

A RESOLUTION REGARDING "BLACK LIVES MATTER" IN THE
TOWN OF BARNESVILLE

WHEREAS, issues of systemic racism continue to plague the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the murders of African-American men and women by police officers in various cities across the nation have raised awareness of racism and illuminated deep-seated fears within our communities; and

WHEREAS, we cannot ignore the widening gap of trust between the people who work in law enforcement and many in the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, closing this gap requires that we address the underlying inequities that continue to divide working people in our country along racial and economic lines; and

WHEREAS, the town of Barnesville has declared itself to be "A Caring Community;" NOW
THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of Barnesville, Maryland, that **Black Lives Matter**, in Barnesville, in our surrounding community, in Maryland, in the United States of America and all around the globe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioners will take advantage of opportunities to communicate the import of this issue to law enforcement agencies that work in our area and to work with them to address the issue of systemic racism in policing and the need to de-escalate potentially violent situations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.



Mildred O. Callear
President
Commissioners of Barnesville