

City of Flint Office of Mayor Proclamation

Whereas:

WHEREAS: On behalf of the City of Flint, it is imperative that we join with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) and more than 130 organizations for a National Day of Racial Healing on Tuesday, January 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS: The WKKF, founded in 1930 as an independent, private foundation by breakfast cereal pioneer, Will Keith Kellogg, is among the largest philanthropic foundations in the United States. Guided by the belief that all children should have an equal opportunity to thrive, WKKF works with communities to create good conditions for vulnerable children so they can realize their full potential in school, work and life; and

WHEREAS: In the next few weeks, WKKF and its Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation (TRHT) collaborating organizations will carry out a variety of events to mark the first ever National Day of Racial Healing. The TRHT, community, corporate and non-profit partners represent a collective network of nearly 300 million Americans; and

WHEREAS: Today, we come together as a community to acknowledge that there are still deep racial divisions in our country that led to the man-made Flint Water Crisis. People from all racial, ethnic, religious and identity groups, as well as all other walks of life, must all commit to building bridges of understanding and communication, of caring and respect, to bridge these gaps.

NOW THEREFORE, I, KAREN WEAVER, Mayor of the City of Flint, by the power vested in me, do hereby proclaim January 17, 2017 as:

“National Day of Racial Healing”

in Flint. I encourage residents to join me in being part of the conversation and working towards healing the wounds created by the man-made Flint Water Crisis stemming from racial bias.



Given under my hand and
seal this seventeenth day
of January in the Year of
Our Lord two thousand
and seventeen.

Karen Weaver
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Mayor of Flint