

PROCLAMATION CENTERING EQUITY IN THE CITY'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- WHEREAS, The City of Edina is committed to acting courageously to advance equity and create a vibrant, safe and healthy community where people of all races thrive; and
- WHEREAS, Emerging COVID-19 infection and mortality data illuminates a disturbing, disproportionate impact on Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, most specifically African American communities; and
- WHEREAS, Black, Indigenous, People of Color, undocumented Minnesotans, people with disabilities, are more likely to be low-wage, essential frontline workers, such as service workers and health care workers, and thus at higher risk of exposure and are disproportionately burdened by the virus and its impacts; and
- WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota has recently seen a rise in reports of discrimination toward the Asian American community; and
- WHEREAS, We recognize the unequal allocation of power and resources as a root cause of racial and other health inequities; and
- WHEREAS, Our City commits to lifting up the health and social needs of the most marginalized members of our communities, and sharing examples of how centering their needs can ensure that we are all safe and healthy; and
- WHEREAS, Our City is committed to providing targeted education and resource information to communities of color, immigrants and refugees who are realizing significant adverse health and socioeconomic impacts; and
- WHEREAS, Our City commits to standing in solidarity against xenophobic and racist attacks on Asian Americans; and
- WHEREAS, Our City will work side-by-side with community partners to identify and address the ways that this infection may exacerbate existing inequities in our communities and how we can reduce these inequities; and
- WHEREAS, This moment is an opportunity for our City and community to better understand how we are all impacted when some of us lack the unequal access to resources, health and opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James B. Hovland, Mayor of Edina, do proclaim that the City of Edina commits to centering equity in our community's response to the COVID-19 global pandemic in partnership with surrounding cities like Bloomington and Richfield.

Dated this 2nd day of June, 2020.

James B. Hovland, Mayor