



Proclamation

City of Fall River

Whereas, we have all witnessed racial divisiveness rising in America's urban, rural, suburban, and tribal communities today that threatens the very core of this country's unified front; and

Whereas, just like those who came before us, it is our duty to protect the children of this country and maintain communities in which they may all be given the opportunity to succeed; and

Whereas, we understand and recognize that there is a racial divide in our country and we must all work earnestly to heal the wounds created by racial, ethnic, and religious bias and build an equitable and just society so that children can thrive; and

Whereas, children have the right to be provided every opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in nurturing environments that don't violate their safety, dignity, and humanity; and

Whereas, every single person has the capability to make a simple change within him or herself that can have a profound effect on an entire society; and

Whereas, if we all dedicate ourselves to the principles of truth, racial healing and transformation, we can all bring about the necessary changes in thinking and behavior that will propel this great country forward as a unified force where racial biases will become a thing of the past; and

Whereas, the city of Fall River, Massachusetts in conjunction with others throughout the United States of America acknowledges January 16, 2018 as the "National Day of Racial Healing", and urges all citizens to promote racial healing and transformation in the ways that are best suited for them individually, as a means to working together to ensure the best quality of life for every child.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jasiel F. Correia II, Mayor of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts do hereby proclaim that this city honors and recognizes January 16, 2018 as the "National Day of Racial Healing."

NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING

And urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support racial healing.



WITNESSED MY HAND and
The official seal of Fall River, Massachusetts

Jasiel F. Correia II, Mayor