

First Reading
A Resolution of the Washington County Democratic Central Committee,
Resolution 2020-011
Regarding Black Lives Matter

A. Whereas WCDCC Democrats stand firm in our condemnation of racism and the disproportionate use of force and violence by law enforcement against people of color nationwide, and

B. Whereas we stand in solidarity with those who are outraged by the murder of Geroge Floyd, Treyvon Martin, Eric Garner, Ahmad Arbery, Breonna Taylor and way too many other black citizens, and

C. Whereas the 2020-2021 WCDCC Platform strongly condemns racism and supports efforts to provide law enforcement with the appropriate training to counter forms of implicit racism, and

D. Whereas current laws in Oregon make it clear that racist discrimination is illegal, but

E. Whereas additional laws and/or a restructuring of law enforcement priorities and funding may be needed to make police more responsible to community needs and to ensure that law enforcement actions that violate civil rights are held accountable according to fair standards of law:

THEREFORE we the WCDCC resolve as follows:

1. We strongly encourage our legislators to investigate potential legal options to hold law enforcement responsible for violations of civil rights.
2. We support peaceful protests and with them, demand justice and equal treatment for all people.
3. We condemn violent actions that disrupt the pursuit of justice for minorities, that damage or destroy private property, especially locally owned businesses, and that violate the principles of non-violence championed by Rev. Martin Luther King.

Resolution by G. Rosenthal, WCDCC Resolutions and Platform Committee Chair, June 9, 2020. Passed July 7, 2020 by the R&PC with a DO PASS recommendation.