

# *CITY OF YAKIMA*

## *PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS, all citizens regardless of race, creed or ethnicity deserve to be treated with dignity, respect, compassion, and justice; and*

*WHEREAS, each act of racism or discrimination is one too many; and*

*WHEREAS, racism can take many different forms, including but not limited to discrimination; personal attacks, including violence; written or verbal threats or insults; and damage to property, including graffiti; and*

*WHEREAS, racism and discrimination hurts everyone; and*

*WHEREAS, because racism hurts everyone, YWCAs across the nation have taken a stand against racism to raise people's consciousness that racism still exists in many forms; and*

*WHEREAS, the elimination of racism can only be achieved through the participation of all citizens in dialogue, reflection, and action; and*

*WHEREAS, our shared goal is to advocate for increased awareness of the lasting and negative effects of racism in our communities, institutions, and personal relationships; and*

*WHEREAS, the persistence and pervasiveness of racism divides our community and keeps individuals from achieving success in education, economics, employment, and quality of life.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the impact that racism has on the health and well-being of our community, I, Kathy Coffey, Mayor of the City of Yakima and on behalf of the Yakima City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 25-28, 2019 as*

### *“YWCA Yakima – STAND AGAINST RACISM DAY”*

*in the City of Yakima and encourage all people to work towards building racial equity throughout the community.*

*Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019*

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*Kathy Coffey, Mayor*