

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	July 20, 2020
Action Required:	Resolution Adoption
Staff Contacts:	John Blair, City Attorney
Presenters:	John Blair, City Attorney
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Resolution Supporting the Declaration of Racism as a Public Health Crisis</b>

**Background:**

Virginia Governor, Ralph S. Northam, is expected to convene a special session of the General Assembly in August 2020 pursuant to Article IV, Section 6 of the Constitution of Virginia. One of the topics that the special session is expected to address is law enforcement.

**Discussion:**

In anticipation of the special session, the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus (VLBC) released a set of its legislative priorities on June 24, 2020.

One of the VLBC's priorities is to introduce legislation which declares racism a public health crisis in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The attached Resolution requests the City of Charlottesville's legislative delegation to support legislation to declare racism a public health crisis in Virginia.

**Budgetary Impact:**

None.

**Attachments:**

Proposed Resolution

**RESOLUTION  
REQUESTING LEGISLATORS  
SUPPORT DECLARATION OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH CRISIS**

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Governor, Ralph S. Northam, is expected to call a special session of the Virginia General Assembly in August 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus (hereinafter “VLBC”) released a set of priorities it plans to pursue during the special session; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the VLBC’s priorities for the special session is to declare racism a public health crisis in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that it requests that Delegate Sally L. Hudson and Senator R. Creigh Deeds support legislation at the special session declaring racism a public health crisis in the Commonwealth of Virginia.