



**RESOLUTION
In Opposition to Racism**

WHEREAS, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors is committed to the fair and equitable treatment of all persons; and,

WHEREAS, the Board wholeheartedly supports and extols the virtues of the Constitution of the United States, especially the Fourteenth Amendment guaranteeing "equal protection of the laws"; and,

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the country as a whole has had a checkered past in regard to the treatment of people of different races and nationalities, and too often, people have been judged by the color of their skin and not the content of their character; and,

WHEREAS, the negative effects of racism cannot be overstated, impacting nearly every aspect of personal and public life; and,

WHEREAS, racism, racial discrimination and ethnic conflict and violence are pervasive and persistent challenges for the country and the world; and,

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that the end of racism cannot be achieved until it is rooted out from every corner because, in the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere"; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors denounces racism in all its forms for its negative social, emotional, psychological, physical, educational, and economic effects on all who are touched by it; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board urges every resident, business, and visitor to Botetourt County to actively work to put an end to racism wherever it may persist.

June 23, 2020

Billy W. Martin, Sr.
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors