

YWCA IS ON A MISSION

The Hamilton County Commission will decide the week of July 13 whether or not to declare racism a public health crisis in our region. We are asking your organization to join others in the Greater Cincinnati business, non-profit and faith communities who are publicly supporting this important action.

For 152 years, the YWCA's mission has been to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. The YWCA is committed to partnering with Hamilton County to dismantle structural and systemic racism that creates vast inequities in our public health, educational, economic and criminal justice systems. And we need your endorsement.

The Hamilton County resolution begins to address practices by our governments and civic systems that have perpetuated centuries of racial inequities, sustained reductions in access to opportunity and diminished productivity for our economic progress. The history of restricted health care access and documented bias in treatment, combined with a history of exploitation and abuse by the medical community and higher rates of environmental stressors, have resulted in a population that disproportionately suffers from chronic conditions and comorbidities and, ultimately, the loss of Black lives.

Racism takes a severe health toll, and all of us suffer for it.

The full resolution commits the county to taking measurable actions to address both structural racism as well as the resulting public health crisis in our community. Community support is crucial to showing the county commissioners they have our backing.

We are asking your organization to endorse the action steps outlined in this Hamilton County Resolution That Racism Is a Public Health Crisis.

To give your endorsement, please [fill out this short form](#) **BY FRIDAY, JULY 10.**

In addition, in order to give others the opportunity to be a part of this historic action, **please forward this note to your friends and other networks** and ask them to join us as well.

YWCA Greater Cincinnati will gather these names and give Hamilton County Commissioners the list of those in the Greater Cincinnati community who want to make their voices heard as we create a more inclusive, equitable and healthy place for all to live and work.

Sincerely,



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