

## **Resolution of the Memphis City Council in Support of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act**

**WHEREAS**, following the heinous act of police brutality that took the life of Mr. Tyre Nichols, citizens from Memphis and all around the nation have renewed their demands for further policing reforms; and

**WHEREAS**, H.R. 1280 of the 117<sup>th</sup> United States Congress, also known as the *George Floyd Justice in Policing Act*, has received notable support from the family of Tyre Nichols, their attorney Mr. Ben Crump, the President and Vice President of the United States of America, and civil rights leaders such as Reverend Al Sharpton; Derrick Johnson, President and CEO of the NAACP; Sherrilyn Ifill, President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund; Dr. Johnetta Betsch Cole, National Chair and President of the National Council of Negro Women and Marc H. Morial, President & CEO of National Urban League; and

**WHEREAS**, the *George Floyd Justice in Policing Act*, directly addresses the paramount need for advanced and constructive transparency and accountability measures related to police misconduct, in the following ways:

- End qualified immunity and allow civil suits to be brought against officers accused of misconduct.
- Reform legal standards to make it easier to prosecute officers accused of misconduct.
- Create a national police misconduct registry to prevent officers from being rehired in other agencies.
- Prohibit racial, religious, and discriminatory profiling by local law enforcement and mandate training against such discriminatory profiling.
- Distribute federal grants to establish commissions and task forces to study police reforms.

**WHEREAS**, the Memphis City Council offers its support of the *George Floyd Justice in Policing Act* as its provisions extend beyond the purview of municipal legislators and addresses certain injustices that require federal action to correct.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Memphis City Council, on behalf of a sorrowful and meditative city, and in demonstration of the body's support for the Wells and Nichols family, hereby formally supports the passage of the *George Floyd Justice in Policing Act*.

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