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**A RESOLUTION BY THE HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL,  
SUPPORTING LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**

WHEREAS, law and order in any community must be a collaboration between the citizens of that community and the law enforcement agencies they employ; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement in American communities is a stressful, highly technical vocation in which officers know that their every public interaction is subject to being photographed or filmed and subject to public and media scrutiny; and

WHEREAS, the public often draws conclusions regarding a law enforcement officer's actions without the appropriate awareness of the circumstances of the incident; and

WHEREAS, recent studies by the Manhattan Institute and others have warned that crime will begin to rise as law enforcement officers become less willing to initiate a contact with the public; and

WHEREAS, to perform their job effectively law enforcement officers must have the support of their citizen community, law enforcement leadership, prosecutors, and the elected officials of the cities, counties, and states they serve in; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers swear an oath to uphold the public trust even though, through the performance of the duties of a law enforcement officer, the officers may become targets for senseless acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, according to the most recent data (2019) reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 185 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty in the United States and Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers have bravely continued to meet the call of duty to ensure the security of their neighborhoods and communities at the risk of their own personal safety in the time of a viral pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the actions by a Minneapolis MN police officer on May 25, 2020 that resulted in a cruel and unnecessary death were outside of law enforcement standards and protocols, and are no indication of systemic minority targeting; and

WHEREAS, no public service sector, especially that of law enforcement, should be painted with a broad brush and vilified over the rare cases of misconduct by a very small number of its members.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND ORDERED**

HVCC expresses unwavering support for law enforcement officers across the United States in the pursuit of preserving safe and secure communities;

HVCC recognizes the need to ensure that law enforcement officers have the equipment, training, and resources that are necessary in order to protect the health and safety of the officers while the officers protect the public;

HVCC recognizes the law enforcement community for continual unseen acts of sacrifice and heroism, especially in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis faced by the United States;

HVCC acknowledges that police officers and other law enforcement personnel, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, should be remembered and honored;

HVCC rejects all calls to defund local, county, and state law enforcement agencies and instead calls for increased funding to counter the misguided and dangerous policies by lawmakers of no bail, mass jail release, and decriminalization that have made us all less safe.

**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 20th day of July 2020.**

ATTEST:

  
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President, Homestead Valley Community Council

  
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Secretary, Homestead Valley Community Council