



Proclamation

OFFICE OF THE
MAYOR
CITY OF SAN LUIS

“National Day of Racial Healing”

WHEREAS, we have all witnessed racism rising in America’s urban, rural, suburban, and tribal communities today that threatens the very core of this great country’s unified front; and

WHEREAS, just like those who came before us, it is our duty to protect the children of this country and maintain communities in which they may all be given the opportunity to succeed; and

WHEREAS, we understand and recognize that there is a racial divide in our country and we must all work earnestly to heal the wounds created by racial, ethnic and religious bias and build an equitable and just society so that all children can thrive; and

WHEREAS, all individuals have the right to be provided every opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in nurturing environments that don’t violate their safety, dignity, and humanity; and

WHEREAS, individuals of color face unique obstacles that prevent their access to opportunity, as a result of historical and current systems and practices; and

WHEREAS, the economies of communities across this country are depressed by racial inequities that exist across our systems; and

WHEREAS, every single person has the capability to make a change within him or herself that can have a profound effect on an entire society; and

WHEREAS, if we all dedicate ourselves to the principles of truth, racial healing and transformation, we can all bring about the necessary changes in thinking and behavior that will propel this great country forward as a unified force where racial biases will become a thing of the past; and

WHEREAS, racial healing is a vital and crucial commitment to the education, social, mental and overall well-being of all peoples with a particular focus on the most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, local government has a unique responsibility and opportunity to transform institutions and systems by using a racial equity lens to undo policies, practices, and procedures that promote racial inequities while simultaneously ensuring everyone is better off; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Luis, in conjunction with others throughout the United States of America, acknowledges the "National Day of Racial Healing," and urges all citizens to promote racial healing and transformation in the ways that are best suited for them individually, as a means to working together to ensure the best quality of life for every child; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Luis, has committed to prioritize using a racial equity lens in all institutions of government; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Luis is part of the National League of Cities Race, Equity and Leadership (REAL) Initiative; and

WHEREAS; the City of San Luis will use the knowledge and tools from the REAL initiative to make changes in policies & practices that build racial healing and advance racial equity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor of the City of San Luis, do hereby proclaim that this city honors and recognizes January 16, 2018 as the "National Day of Racial Healing."

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of January 2018

Gerardo Sanchez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonia Cornelio, City Clerk