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**A MESSAGE FROM  
HORSHAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

“Horsham Township: A Community Connected” is the motto Council adopted three years ago. Those words stand for a community committed to its residents and committed to upholding principles of equality and fairness for everyone, without regard to race, color, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, or identification. Acts of racial violence and discrimination, such as those that have received recent national and international attention, not only damage the victims of those attacks; they damage the community as a whole. No law-abiding member of our society should feel fearful when interacting with law enforcement or any other government officer. Discrimination and bias, even through subtle acts, work against our efforts to build and maintain a safe and inclusive community.

Council is committed to ensuring that each and every resident is treated equally and fairly. We deplore any act of violence against any member of our local, national, or global community on the basis of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or sexual identification, and we condemn any member of government, whether law enforcement officers, civil employees, or elected officials who would use their positions of power to discriminate against, or show bias toward, members of our community.

We applaud those members of our community who have organized peaceful protests and who work in the community to raise awareness of the existence of systemic and implicit bias. We are proud of the many members of our community who are actively involved in making Horsham a better place to live for all of our residents.

We are committed to ensuring a high standard of excellence from our Horsham Township Police Department and further encourage our officers and leadership to protect and serve all residents equitably and justly. The HTPD will continue the training of our police department in compliance with the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission (PLEAC) and maintain its professional standards, including policies that restrain the use of force. We encourage the continued cooperation between HTPD and our social and benevolent associations that address the concerns of people of color.

We resolve, as community leaders, to work to ensure the welfare of all residents, to remain vigilant in examining our own hearts and minds, to listen to our residents, and to oversee the actions of the township in order to protect against acts of bigotry and racism, whether overt or implicit. We strive, and will continue to strive, for a community in which all people feel included and valued.

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