

Proclamation

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

Rick Kriseman, Mayor

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, 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 St. Petersburg, Florida, 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 St. Petersburg, Florida, has committed to prioritize using a racial equity lens in all institutions of government; and

WHEREAS, the city of St. Petersburg, Florida, is part of the National League of Cities Race, Equity and Leadership (REAL) Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the city of St. Petersburg, Florida 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, Rick Kriseman, Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida do hereby proclaim that this city honors and recognizes January 16th, 2018 as the

NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas, and State of Florida to be affixed this 1st day of January, 2018.

Rick Kriseman
Mayor