

Resolution of the Faculty and Administration

WHEREAS, the faculty and administration recognize the ongoing, systemic and perpetual racial and societal injustices embedded in this country; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and administration recognize that these injustices arise from structural racism and implicit bias that have existed since the original sin of slavery and has been furthered by Jim Crow laws and the unequal treatment of Black people in our judicial system and remains a dominant force in our society and justice system today; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and administration recognize the frustration, outrage, and pain fostered by the persistent and consistent killing and physical abuse of Black people by law enforcement officers who are not held to account; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and administration recognize that apathy, indifference or silence in the face of the ongoing violence and inequities foments an atmosphere of hatred, prejudice and intolerance; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and administration recognize the importance of creating space for Black people in our community to express themselves; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and administration recognize that the right to peaceful protest is deeply rooted in our Constitutional protections; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and administration recognize our essential role as educators to fight ignorance and intolerance, nurture inclusivity, and celebrate our diversity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the faculty and administration acknowledge our responsibility to condemn anti-Blackness and racism, and secure and sustain an antiracist environment and equal justice under the law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution be preserved in the records and minutes of the Hofstra Law Faculty and prominently displayed on the Law School's website.

Adopted this 8th day of June, 2020, by a unanimous vote.