

BOROUGH OF EBENSBURG
300 West High Street
Ebensburg, Pennsylvania 15931

RESOLUTION #2020-05

WHEREAS, the “confederate battle flag” is the symbol of a secessionist movement that supported slavery, which ultimately led to the great tragedy of the Civil War, in which thousands of Americans perished, including 27,000 residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, comprising part of the Union Army in defense of our country; and

WHEREAS, nearly 3,000 citizens of Cambria County served the Union Army during the war, their names memorialized on bronze plaques at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial within the Borough of Ebensburg; and

WHEREAS, the confederate flag was subsequently used during the civil rights era as a symbol of opposition to basic human rights for Black Americans; and

WHEREAS, this flag was used during that era to intimidate citizens of the United States who were exercising their constitutional rights and advocating for racial equality; and

WHEREAS, the public display of this flag is inconsistent with the values of this borough, our Commonwealth and these United States; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve our aspirations for a more perfect Union, Ebensburg Borough wishes to join with communities, organizations, and corporations across the United States to discourage racism, intolerance, and any form of intimidation based on race or ethnicity.

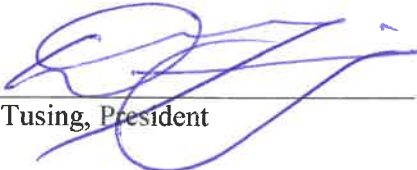
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Ebensburg, Cambria County, formally rejects any efforts to intimidate any of its residents and visitors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ebensburg Borough Council formally denounces hateful or violent speech directed at any individual or group based on their race or ethnicity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ebensburg Borough Council proclaims that the public display of the confederate flag is inconsistent with the values of the Borough, our Commonwealth, the United States, and with the very essence of the Memorial Day Holiday.


ADOPTED this 22nd day of June 2020.

EBENSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL



Doug Tusing, President

ATTEST:



Daniel L. Penatzer, Secretary