



PROCLAMATION:  
BY MAYOR BART CASTLEBERRY  
CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS  
NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME – GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS: Just like those who came before us, it is our duty to protect the children of the City of Conway and maintain communities in which they may all be given the opportunity to succeed; and
- WHEREAS: We must all work earnestly to create courageous and supportive environments that acknowledge the traumatic past; promote the healing of the wounds created by racial, ethnic and religious bias; and build an equitable and just society so that all of Conway's children can thrive; and
- WHEREAS: Children have the right to be provided every opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in nurturing environments that do not violate their safety, dignity, and humanity; and
- WHEREAS: Every single person has the opportunity to exhibit an act of kindness to make a simple change within themselves 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 City of Conway 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 residents in the City of Conway, particularly children; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Conway, in conjunction with others throughout the State of Arkansas, and the United States of America, acknowledges January 19, 2021, as the "National Day of Racial Healing in the City of Conway," and urges all citizens to promote truth, 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.

Now therefore I, Bart Castleberry, Mayor of Conway, do hereby proclaim January 19, 2021 as:

**"NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING 2021"**

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the SEAL of the City of Conway, Arkansas to be affixed.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021

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Mayor Bart Castleberry