

BOROUGH OF HALEDON

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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF JUSTICE FOR GEORGE FLOYD AND AGAINST ALL RACISM

The Haledon Police Department, Chief Daniele and I are shocked at the senseless act of violence in Minneapolis which resulted in the death of Mr. George Floyd during an arrest. Human life must always be held in the highest regard and we will never tolerate otherwise. This police department and our administration are committed to safeguarding the civil rights of all we encounter. Haledon is a diverse, vibrant community in which all people, including African-Americans and all people of color, are a significant and welcome part. The Haledon Police Department reflects that diversity and, in particular, is committed to service with compassion and respect as well as transparency in performing these duties and abiding by their sworn oaths.

As our community has done during the COVID crisis, Haledon will once again exercise the values of our great nation and embrace the freedoms it stands for. We will speak out when we see injustice, as we do now in the wake of police violence against a member of the black community. We will stand by those who peacefully assemble to speak out against such injustice. And, we will listen to those voices who are speaking truth to power. Ultimately, our government is your government. And in a true democracy, there can be no other relationship.

The Haledon Police Department, Council President Mounir Almaita and I stand in solidarity not only in defiance of racism but as committed anti-racists. During these difficult times, we are committed to excellence in policing which can only be achieved with the strong foundation of TRUST from the public. We are grateful to you, our community, for your amazing support and continued confidence in our service to you. Rest assured, each member of this police agency is committed to the highest level of professionalism and respect our community both deserves and should expect.

Please join us tonight at 6:30 pm as we hold a "Vigil for Justice & Peace" at the Belmont Town Square. Social distancing regulations will be observed.

Mayor Domenick Stampone