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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING  
THE MY BROTHER'S KEEPER REIMAGINING  
POLICING PLEDGE**

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WHEREAS, the My Brother's Keeper Alliance ([www.obama.org/mbka](http://www.obama.org/mbka)) is a coordinated effort to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and ensure that all young people can reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, My Brother's Keeper encourages communities to implement a coherent, place-based cradle-to-college-and-career strategy for improving the life outcomes of all young people to ensure that they can reach their full potential regardless of who they are, where they come from, or the circumstances into which they are born; and

WHEREAS, My Brother's Keeper is focused on six milestones, including getting a healthy start and entering school ready to learn, reading at grade level by third grade, graduating from high school ready for college and career, completing postsecondary education or training, successfully entering the workforce, and keeping kids on track and giving them second chances; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond has a longstanding youth leadership board, Redmond Youth Partnership Advisory Committee, focused on community service and promoting the voice of young people and building a community where youth are valued and involved; and

WHEREAS, My Brother's Keeper also encouraged cities to sign on to the My Brother's Keeper Reimagining Policing Pledge which the City of Redmond committed to in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Reimagining Policing Pledge is a call for mayors and local officials to review and reform use of force policies, redefine public safety and combat systemic racism within law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, The Reimagining Policing Pledge seeks to support four areas of progress in The Redmond Police Department; and

WHEREAS, in the two years that have passed since the City of Redmond signed onto this pledge, the Redmond Police Department has met or exceeded the four goals of the My Brother's Keeper Reimagining Police Pledge, which are to:

1. REVIEW Redmond's police use of force policies
2. ENGAGE the Redmond community by including a diverse range of input, experiences and stories in the policy review
3. REPORT the findings of the policy review to the Redmond community and seek feedback
4. REFORM the City of Redmond police use of force policies; and

WHEREAS, the My Brother's Keeper Reimagining Policing Pledge encourages communities to focus on achievable goals and steps to make communities safer and more respondent to the residents they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Redmond Police Department has made a commitment to continuing community outreach with a particular focus on engaging Black, Indigenous, and other people of color in Redmond through Police Chief Lowe's Advisory Council and the Community Equity Action Team (CEAT) as well as with other community organizations and is dedicated to community policing, customer service and problem solving through collaboration and communication; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials are uniquely positioned to commit to the goals in the Reimagining Policing Pledge; and

WHEREAS, communities across the country are implementing strategies that will put communities on a path to success by working and partnering with foundations, businesses, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Redmond Police Department successes include, completion of a major update to internal policies and procedures that govern day-to-day operations including use of force and the methodology used to review and develop use of force policies is posted online for public review ([www.redmond.gov/Redmond-Police-Use-of-Force-Policy](http://www.redmond.gov/Redmond-Police-Use-of-Force-Policy)); and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond continues to increase investment in comprehensive public safety, such as mental health professional services, homeless outreach, mobile integrated health case management, and other forms of non-police crisis response to better serve the community; and

WHEREAS, everyone can support this effort and we hope that individuals across the country and in Redmond will continue to take action to urge their local officials to take these steps for change, now therefore;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. My Brother's Keeper support. The City Council of the City of Redmond pledges to fully support the efforts of My Brother's Keeper and stand by the commitments of the My Brother's Keeper Reimagining Policing Pledge while fully supporting the Redmond Police Department.

RESOLVED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_, 2022.

CITY OF REDMOND

MAYOR, ANGELA BIRNEY

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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CITY CLERK, CHERYL XANTHOS, CMC

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