

**National Day of Racial Healing**  
**January 17, 2023**

The City of Boulder is committed to racial equity and acknowledges that we must all work earnestly to create courageous and supportive environments that address the traumatic past; promote healing of wounds created by racial, ethnic and religious bias; and build an equitable and just society so that people can thrive.

As city leaders, it is our duty to provision and protect the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in nurturing environments that do not violate safety, dignity, and humanity. Furthermore, every person can exhibit an act of kindness or make a simple change within their self that can have a profound effect on an entire society.

Racism and race-based stress are unjust burdens that present physical and psychological barriers to the health and success of people of color. Racial healing is a vital and crucial commitment to the education, social, mental and over all well-being of all community members. If we all dedicate ourselves to the principles of truth, racial healing, relationship building, solidarity, and transformative action, we can all bring about the necessary changes in thinking and behavior that will propel our community and the nation forward as a unified force where racial biases can be recognized and unlearned.

We, the City Council of the City of Boulder, Colorado join the nation in declaring January 17, 2023, as

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And urge all citizens to promote truth, racial healing and transformation in the ways that are best suited for them individually, to work together to raise our collective consciousness around the need to reconcile the inequitable pain caused by historical and current systems of oppression.



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**Aaron Brockett, Mayor**

