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Senator Quezada

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING BLACK LIVES MATTER AND THE ERADICATION OF SYSTEMATIC AND
STRUCTURAL RACISM.

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1 Whereas, the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Dion Johnson
2 and countless other black people and people of color have focused our
3 nation's attention on the continuing structural and systematic racism that
4 plagues our communities; and

5 Whereas, data shows that black people and historically marginalized
6 people of color are disproportionately criminalized and targeted by
7 excessive force and brutality at the hands law enforcement; and

8 Whereas, this state and nation cannot continue to ignore these
9 injustices that unfairly oppress black people and other people of color;
10 and

11 Whereas, to make progress during these challenging times, we as a
12 nation have the moral responsibility to take an antiracist approach to
13 making drastic changes with respect to education, housing, employment,
14 criminal justice, health care and other key aspects of American life; and

15 Whereas, this state has the opportunity to address systematic racism
16 with a renewed vigor and widespread support in a way that can and will be
17 transformative; and

18 Whereas, in order for such a metamorphic change to occur, it is
19 essential for all communities in our nation to acknowledge that it is time
20 for change; and

21 Whereas, the Black Lives Matter movement has brought to the
22 forefront the current crisis, which is a result of well-established racism
23 and socioeconomic inequalities that have marginalized, discriminated
24 against and harmed black people and people of color; and

25 Whereas, it is no longer acceptable to take a stance of silence in
26 the face of grave injustice.

27 Therefore

28 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
29 Representatives concurring:

30 That the Members of the Legislature proclaim that Black Lives
31 Matter, that protest is the language of the unheard, that racism must be
32 eradicated in all its forms and that the humanity and unique lived
33 experiences of every black American make our nation powerful.