



Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** Just like those who came before us, it is our duty to protect the children of Russellville 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 Russellville'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 Russellville 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 Russellville, particularly children; and,
- WHEREAS:** The City of Russellville, 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," 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, Richard Harris, Mayor of the City of Russellville, Arkansas, 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 Great Seal of the City of Russellville to be affixed on this 15th day of January, 2021.

Richard Harris, Mayor

