



**A Proclamation from the Charleston Black
Ministerial Alliance:
From Crisis to Community**

WHEREAS, The Charleston Black Ministerial Alliance, Inc. in its 50th year of service as a covenanted, Interdenominational, interracial Union of Ministers committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to follow his example of servant leadership in service to God and humanity especially in the African American context and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, 8 minutes and 46 seconds is a moment that will live in infamy but a moment that bent history and compels us to speak to it, through it and from it to maximize its transformative power and

WHEREAS, this moment has magnified the pandemic of systemic racism that has diseased the body politic of the nation particularly in institutions that betray a stated intent to protect and to serve.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that healing the rupture of racism and redeeming the soul of America requires constructive intervention particularly in the work of law enforcement.

BE IT further resolved that the Charleston Police Department with the support of the Mayor would revive the work of RESET (an Acronym for Restoring Ruptured Relationships /Empower Leadership/ Strengthen Alliances /Establish Connections /and to Transform our Community).

IT IS imperative that a revised curriculum of police training be incorporated to enhance emotional and racial intelligence with all deliberate speed to attend the current need.

Do not be conformed to this world. but be transformed by the renewal of your mind. that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2 (ESV)

Respectfully submitted,

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