



**PROCLAMATION 2020-BLM01**

**BRIDGING THE BRENTWOODS**

**Date June 23, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Brentwood and Town of North Brentwood was founded by Captain Wallace Bartlett, a white captain in the Civil War and,

**WHEREAS**, Captain Bartlett gave the higher ground to the white soldiers of his regiment and called it Brentwood and he gave the lower level ground, prone to flooding, to the black soldiers and called it North Brentwood and,

**WHEREAS**, In the early 1950's a barrier was placed to show that Brentwood needed separation from blacks at that time and Town of Brentwood was a sundown town and did not allow blacks in their neighborhood after dark and,

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Brentwood was incorporated in 1922 and the Town of North Brentwood was incorporated as the first Black incorporated town in Prince George's County and,

**WHEREAS**, Integration of schools was implemented in 1963 and blacks were forced to go to all white schools and,

**WHEREAS**, since integration Blacks and Whites have had their uncertainties and both good and bad experiences and even between the towns of Brentwood and North Brentwood and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2015 the Black Lives Matter movement was started due to the death of Freddie Gray in Baltimore MD and since then there have been excessive killings of black men and women by the hands of police and,

**WHEREAS**, the Black Lives Matter movement is to eradicate police brutality and injustices and to intervene in violence inflicted on black communities by the state and vigilantes and,

**WHEREAS**, at this location, PGAAMCC, it tells the history of communities in Prince Georges County and,

**WHEREAS**, Brentwood and North Brentwood are committed to work together to eliminate police brutality systemic racism, injustices, and health disparities of both towns and,

**WHEREAS**, Brentwood and North Brentwood stand together today to bridge the gap in our communities, strengthening relations by working collectively and responsibly for all our citizens and human beings and,

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED** that the towns stand together to assure that all have the right to live in dignity, respect, and peace and,

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that we urge all to rededicate themselves to the principles of justice and equality for all.

**Town of Brentwood**

**Town of North Brentwood**