

# House Resolution 6

Sponsored by Representative SALINAS

## SUMMARY

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Declares racism as public health crisis in this state.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

Whereas racism is pervasive and is integrated into every institution and system that is connected to the social determinants of health, and ultimately impacts each Oregonian's ability to be healthy and well to the fullest potential; and

Whereas incidents of racism consistently experienced by Black and indigenous communities, people of color and tribes create racial disparities in social, health, economic, legal and academic outcomes; and

Whereas white supremacy was institutionalized through the development of policies and systems that ensure power, privilege and resources remain in the hands of white men; and

Whereas racism in Oregon has left a legacy of trauma from one generation to the next, impacting Oregon tribes, Black and indigenous communities and people of color through a cumulative effect; and

Whereas Oregon has deep roots of racism, including the Donation Land Act of 1850 that made it legal to steal land from Native American tribes, the 1887 murder of Chinese miners, Black exclusionary laws with lashing as punishment, Japanese internment camps during World War II, segregation in education and real estate red-lining that drove down values and reduced home ownership in the Black community; and

Whereas racial justice requires the formation and purposeful reinforcement of policies, practices, ideologies and behaviors that create equitable power, access, opportunity, treatment and outcomes for all people regardless of race and redistribute resources to invest where inequities are greatest; and

Whereas racism in Oregon and nationwide has created a situation that is untenable and where immediate action must be taken to mitigate further harm and violence against Black and indigenous Oregonians, people of color and tribes; now, therefore,

### **Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon:**

The Legislative Assembly declares that racism is a public health crisis in this state.

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