



**CITY OF SPOKANE
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

RESOLUTION

A resolution regarding historical landmarks and modern values.

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane Human Rights Commission (the “Commission”) is dedicated to addressing issues related to human rights and unjust discrimination and the implementation of programs consistent with the needs of all residents of the City of Spokane; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recently considered an issue raised by citizens regarding a statue in Spokane with racial slurs and other concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Commission voted in favor to support the removal of the statue--particularly the plaque; and

WHEREAS, the Commission discussed the need for the City to have a formal process for handling such instances in the future, including a values statement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Spokane Human Rights Commission hereby requests city leadership to develop a formal process for receiving requests from concerned community members and evaluating them based upon an agreed upon set of values and criteria, along with procedures for removing or relocating the landmarks, while ensuring fairness and transparency for all. Members of the Commission and the Civil Rights Officer are willing to work with City staff to help develop the aforementioned protocols.

Adopted by the Spokane Human Rights Commission on November 4th, 2021.