

Resolution: Racism is a Public Health Emergency
January 23, 2021

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and economic disruption have exposed systemic racism, inequities and negatively impacted communities of color; and ^{1. 2.}

WHEREAS, racism impacts the social determinants of health, such as socioeconomic status, education, neighborhood and physical environment, employment, and social support networks, as well as access to health care; and

WHEREAS, Arizona COVID-19 rates are high and dangerous to all residents ^{3.};

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Arizona Democratic Party hereby concur with nationwide declarations that racism constitutes a public health emergency and will condemn racist practices that impact the safety and public health of marginalized communities in Arizona; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arizona Democratic Party will work to eliminate race-based health disparities and eradicate systemic racism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Arizona Democratic Party will support efforts to:

- 1) Protect and remedy the impact of COVID-19 to our indigenous communities ^{3.}
- 2) Include immigrants in COVID-19 financial and healthcare relief efforts ^{4. 5. 3)}
- Prioritize essential workforce in legislation, policy, planning and funding ^{5. 6. 4)}
- Expand Medicaid healthcare services to include all residents ^{5.}

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