


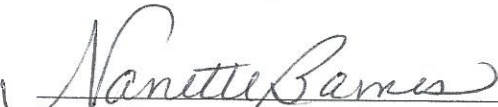
**PROCLAMATION**  
**2022 NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING**

- WHEREAS: Just like those who came before us, it is our duty to protect the children of the Town of Avoca and maintain communities in which they may all be given the opportunity to succeed; and,
- WHEREAS: We must all work earnestly to create courageous and supportive environments that acknowledge the traumatic past; promote the healing of the wounds created by racial, ethnic, and religious bias; and build an equitable and just society so that all of the Town of Avoca's children can thrive; and
- WHEREAS: Children have the right to be provided every opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in nurturing environments that do not violate their safety, dignity, and humanity and,
- WHEREAS: Every single person has the opportunity to exhibit an act of kindness to make a simple change within themselves that can have profound effect on an entire society; and
- WHEREAS: If we all dedicate ourselves to the principles of truth, racial healing and transformation, we can all bring about the necessary changes in thinking and behavior that will propel this great Town of Avoca forward as a unified force where racial biases will become a thing of the past; and
- WHEREAS: Racial healing is a vital and crucial commitment to the education, social, mental, and overall, well-being of all residents in the Town of Avoca, particularly children; and,
- WHEREAS: The Town of Avoca, in conjunction with others throughout the State of Arkansas, and the United States of America, acknowledges Tuesday, January 18, 2022, as the "National Day of Racial Healing in the Town of Avoca," and urges all citizens to promote truth, racial healing and transformation in the ways that are best suited for them individually, as a means to working together to ensure the best quality of life for every child.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Whitehorn, Mayor of the Town of Avoca, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, January 18, 2022, as "National Day of Racial Healing"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREFORE, I, hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the Town of Avoca, Arkansas, to be affixed.

  
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Robert Whitehorn, Mayor of Avoca

  
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Nanette Barnes, Recorder/Treasurer of Avoca

