

Winchester Resolution Denouncing Slavery and Other Forms of Discrimination

Whereas, racism, racial and ethnic discrimination and intolerance threaten human development because of the obstacles which they pose to the fulfillment of basic human rights to survival, development, and social participation.

Whereas, thousands of Africans and their descendants were enslaved in Winchester and Clark County from 1775 to 1865.

Whereas, in 1860 prior to the Civil War forty-two (42 %) of the population of Clark County was enslaved, and Black people bought and sold at the Clark County Courthouse.

Whereas, following Emancipation, injustices against African-Americans continued with outbreaks of violence, lynchings, racial segregation and discrimination.

Now therefore be it acknowledged and resolved by the Winchester Board of Commissioners and the Clark County Fiscal Court:

1. Slavery and segregation are fundamentally inhumane, unjust and abhorrent to the principle that all people are created equal.
2. Much progress toward racial equity has been made in our country and community.
3. All forms of racial and ethnic discrimination are ever to be opposed in our continued advancement toward equality and a more perfect union.”