



PROCLAMATION ON ANNIVERSARY OF MURDER OF HENRY TAPIA

WHEREAS: January 19th, 2022 marks the one-year anniversary of the racist murder of Mr. Henry Tapia, an Afro-Dominican member of the Belmont community;

WHEREAS: Mr. Tapia was an important member of our community. His close friends called him "Henny" and close family called him "Henrito." His passing leaves behind his three children, his partner, mother, father, numerous family members and friends, and the gaming community with which he was closely connected. He was proud of his Afro-Dominican roots and was passionate about Afrobeats music. His life mattered and should be memorialized;

WHEREAS: The Town of Belmont, in partnership with the Belmont Human Rights Commission, marks this day of remembrance in order to bring awareness to the racist violence that led to his death and the grief his loss brings to his family and our community, and to serve as a reminder that ongoing anti-racist work has to continue in order to prevent future violence against Black and Brown members of our community and individuals who work in and visit our town;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Select Board of the Town of Belmont hereby proclaims January 19th as Henry Tapia Memorial Day.