



Statement of Anti-Racism June 8, 2020

Throughout the nation, museums of all sizes have come forward in recent days to remind their communities that museums are not neutral. The board and staff of the Issaquah History Museums (IHM) join other Americans and fellow Issaquahns in condemning and rejecting violence against Black Americans at the hands of police and citizens alike. We stand in solidarity against racism and pledge to intentionally seek out ways to be part of the solution.

As the trusted caretakers of Issaquah's history, we know there is much more work we can do to be truly anti-racist. We pledge to create inclusive programming and to lift up marginalized voices, whose stories deserve to be shared, preserved, and respected. In the next three months, we will lay out concrete actions we intend to take.

We are committed to presenting the authentic history of Issaquah, which means that we tell the historical truth about Issaquah's past, even when parts of that past are reprehensible. If we are selective about the history we present, we ignore the truth of who we have been. We will represent the history of all people in the Issaquah community.