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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### ***The City of Plainfield to Host Black Lives Matter Plaza Dedication Ceremony***

Plainfield, NJ June 6, 2021 – On August 7, 2020, the City of Plainfield adopted a resolution to rename the once known “Plainfield City Hall Plaza” as the “Black Lives Matter Plaza.” The renaming of the plaza is a clear statement that the City of Plainfield and its residents stand firmly in solidarity with the rest of the nation in remembering the countless number of black and brown lives lost to human rights abuse. The resolution which was adopted by a unanimous vote of the City Council speaks to the deep level frustration and anger felt in the city and across the nation following the murder of George Floyd.

The dedication ceremony for the “Black Lives Matter Plaza” will be held on Saturday June 5, 2021, at 11 am. Lieutenant Governor Sheila Oliver, representatives from the State Assembly, County Board of Commissioners, and other elected officials and community activists are expected to attend. There will be musical performances as we once again come together as “One Plainfield” to immortalize, for posterity, the plaza in front of city hall as the “Black Lives Matter Plaza.”

“We are grateful to have a strong and respectful relationship with our law enforcement officers here in Plainfield,” said Mayor Adrian O. Mapp. “However, we stand in solidarity with others across the nation who have suffered and, in far too many cases, died as a result of bad policing practices. Plainfield does not and cannot exist in a bubble, and as Dr. King said so long ago – Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. The Black Lives Matter Plaza will stand as a stark reminder that the struggle for equality, equity and justice is ongoing.”

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