

June 9, 2020

### **Mount Carmel Support for SCR 14**

Chairman Burke, Vice Chair Huffman, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the committee:

I am writing in support of SCR 14. This continuing resolution would declare racism a public health crisis and move forward policies to promote racial equity throughout the state.

As one of the largest integrated health systems in central Ohio, Mount Carmel provides people centered care at four hospitals — Mount Carmel East, Mount Carmel Grove City, Mount Carmel St. Ann's and Mount Carmel New Albany — an inpatient rehabilitation hospital, free-standing emergency centers, an inpatient behavioral health hospital, outpatient facilities, surgery centers, urgent care centers, primary care and specialty care physician offices, community outreach sites across the region.

Through our core values, we honor the sacredness and dignity of every person and promote the common good. Therefore, we strongly support SCR 14 as it acknowledges the impact of racism on the health of our patients and that racism is a public health crisis.

As we continue to work with partners to address racial inequity and eliminate barriers to access while providing high-quality health care, we urge for passage of SCR 14. As the continuing resolution states, the "impact of racism on public health deserves action from all levels of government."

Sincerely,



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