

A Resolution

NO. _____

REMOVING MR. MICHAEL STEELE AS A MEMBER OF THE FORT WORTH HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

WHEREAS the Fort Worth City Council on March 17, 2015, appointed Mr. Michael Steele to a two-year term on the Fort Worth Human Relations Commission upon favorable recommendations from the Human Relations Commission itself and from the City Council's Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS the City Council on December 12, 2017, reappointed Mr. Steele to a second two-year term on the Human Relations Commission; and

WHEREAS Mr. Steele's current term on the Human Relations Commission is scheduled to expire on October 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS the City Council has recently become aware of voluminous social media communications whereby Mr. Steele has willfully disparaged people based upon their ethnicity, national origin, religion, transgender, and other protected classifications; and

WHEREAS the City Council finds these communications to be inconsistent with the City's values and with the Human Relations Commission's mission to promote basic human rights and facilitate harmonious relationships among Fort Worth's diverse population; and

WHEREAS the City Council finds Mr. Steele's communications to be so egregious and unacceptable as to warrant his removal from the Human Relations Commission; and

WHEREAS the Human Relations Commission in a special meeting on July 15, 2019, voted by a margin of 9-0 to recommend that the City Council remove Mr. Steele, for cause, from the Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

The City Council hereby removes Mr. Michael Steele as a member of the Human Relations Commission.

Adopted this 6th day of August, 2019.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Mary J. Kayser, City Secretary