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**EMAIL TO:**

**Racial/Ethnic & Social Justice Groups**

Dear [Racial/Ethnic and/or Social Justice Organization],

I am emailing to ask your input and guidance on urging our local government leaders to pass a resolution to declare racism a public health crisis alongside a commitment for action.

[IN 1 OR 2 SENTENCES INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND STATE WHY YOU CARE ABOUT THIS ISSUE]

As you know, inequities in health are well-documented between whites and Blacks, Latinos, and other people of color, contributing to higher rates of infant mortality, diabetes, heart disease, COVID-19, and premature death among people of color than whites.

This is because past and present racial/ethnic injustices have created inequities in the social and economic conditions in which we live, learn, work, and play.

The problem is systemic. Systemic racism is a public health crisis.

**I think it is time our city passed a resolution to declare racism a public health crisis and commit to specific actions to dismantle it.**

Over 200 cities and government leaders across the country have made this declaration and committed to action, and dozens more are discussing it. Read about some of them at <https://salud.to/racismmap>. Some cities are creating working groups to draft a racial equity plan while also committing to training the workforce on implicit bias. Others are requiring a racial equity and social justice impact statement be submitted to city council for each bill.

Thanks to an Action Pack from *Salud America!*, we have introductory emails, talking points, a guidebook for framing health inequities, and social media messages to reach out to city leaders and build support. Their tips for drafting a resolution are at <https://salud.to/writedraft>.

**To ensure this effort is as inclusive, equitable, and powerful as possible, I would love to hear your input and guidance on using this Action Pack to urge our city leaders to pass a resolution to declare racism a public health crisis and commit to action to address the ways governmental institutions discriminate through policies and practices.**

I look forward to hearing from you. I would be glad to chat more if you’d like.

Thank you,

[NAME]