

TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD, RHODE ISLAND
RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
NO _____ DATE _____

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS ALL OTHER DEPARTMENTS OF THE TOWN REFRAIN FROM PURCHASING PRODUCTS FROM THE "NIKE" SPORTING GOODS AND CLOTHING COMPANY .

Whereas, Colin Kaepernick has been selected as a representative of the Nike Sporting Goods and Clothing Company.

Whereas, Colin Kaepernick has compared police to modern day slave patrols.

Whereas, Colin Kaepernick has shown such disdain for the police officers who have truly sacrificed everything when (in reality) he has sacrificed nothing.

Whereas, Nike's decision to promote Colin Kaepernick as the face of Nike is an insult and slap in the face to the hundreds of thousands of law enforcement officers throughout this country.

Whereas, Nike's decision to promote Colin Kaepernick will only continue to fan the flames of the endless fallacy that police are nothing more than inhumane tyrants looking to take out unprovoked, abusive force on African Americans. (This is from a letter from the president of the National Troopers coalition)

Whereas, Nike's use of Colin Kaepernick's image and their slogan perpetuates the falsehood that police are racist and determined to use unnecessary force against African Americans and persons of color.

Whereas, 102 police officers have been killed in the line of duty so far this year. These police officers and their families are people who have truly known the meaning of believe in something even if it means sacrificing everything.

Whereas, hundreds of thousands of men and women in law enforcement deserve our respect and support.

Whereas, Nike's values do not reflect our values and Nike should not financially benefit from our business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of North Smithfield hereby requests that the School Department as well as all other departments of the Town refrain from purchasing products from the "Nike" sporting goods and clothing company.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Town Council.
SPONSORED BY: John Beauregard, President