



# BOROUGH OF STATE COLLEGE

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## **State College Recognizes a National Day of Racial Healing**

*Below is a joint statement from State College Borough Council President, Evan Myers, and Mayor, Donald M. Hahn:*

On this National Day of Racial Healing, State College rejects the politics of divisiveness, renews its commitment to tolerance and understanding among races and nationalities and celebrates the diversity of those who contribute to our community.

We condemn the unspeakable words by President Trump attacking immigrants from Haiti, El Salvador and African countries during the course of negotiations over immigration in the Oval Office. His remarks defy American values and identity. We are a nation of immigrants and have a rich history of welcoming immigrants from around the globe—children, men, women, students, scholars, scientists and refugees.

The Borough of State College wants its community members to know that we value all persons. State College is a proud home to people from around the world, and have witnessed the invaluable contributions immigrants make locally to our economic, educational and cultural institutions. In December of 2016 and January of 2017, the Borough passed resolutions to highlight the importance of diversity and inclusivity in our community. We stand by the principles in these resolutions and will continue to serve and support residents in our community. We support a legislative solution for long term residents who contribute to America in meaningful ways; Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders, Dreamers and those fleeing extraordinary conditions.

History has repeatedly shown that diversity leads to innovation and entrepreneurship, which leads to greatness and achievement. Although America has not always succeeded in living up to its ideals, as stated in the Declaration of Independence and on the Statue of Liberty, its continuing commitment to them is what has made it great and what will continue to make it great.

It is the abandonment of these ideals, the refusal to adapt to changing circumstances, and an obsessive glorification of an idealized, but troubled past that will make America mediocre for the first time in our nation's history.

Therefore, on this National Day of Racial Healing, State College reaffirms its welcome to its visitors and its residents, regardless of race and nationality.

Evan Myers,  
Council President

Donald M. Hahn,  
Mayor

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