

An Important Message from the Folklore Village Board of Directors



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“**Folklore Village** respects the unique cultural heritage of all peoples. It seeks to foster an understanding of one’s own cultural traditions, while nurturing a respect for the values and traditions of others. Folklore Village believes that each individual has folklife traditions no matter what his or her background. Traditions are an important part of who we are and what makes us human.”

-From the Folklore Village Mission and Vision Statement

As so many are struggling to find a way to bring hope to our deeply wounded nation and world right now, the Folklore Village Board of Directors stands in support of people of color who have been so brutally harmed recently, as well as throughout our nation’s history. Above all else, what makes our organization unique is our commitment to making all who come to enjoy our programs feel a welcome part of our community. Our organization was created as a place where all people may share their knowledge and traditions of cultures from all corners of the world in a welcoming, joyful, and peaceful environment.

We recognize that the best teachers of cultural understanding are those tradition bearers who have firsthand knowledge of their own history and experience. As an educational organization, we pledge to do our best to make sure that we ourselves are listening to and learning from those who live every day with the challenges and fears of the racism they face. We recognize this is an ongoing process, and we strive to support the collective effort of living in peace together. **Our doors and our hearts are open to all.**