

CITY OF FRANKLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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RESOLUTION #02-23

A Resolution Condemning Intolerance and Hate.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two,

WHEREAS, there has been a significant rise in intolerance in our nation over the last several years, and

WHEREAS, such intolerance has led to attacks on citizens, physical, emotional and virtual, including Franklin residents and business owners, simply because of their race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin, and

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence affirms that we all are equal and endowed with "certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness," and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire Constitution reaffirms this, stating "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by this state on account of race, creed, color, sex or national origin," and

WHEREAS, at a special City Council meeting held on August 8, 2022 to address this issue, where there was unanimous public outcry against such attacks,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution #02-23 stating that

The City of Franklin does not condone any form of hate speech and condemns those who use such speech or attacks anyone via any means based on their race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin, and

In particular, the City condemns white supremacists who have attacked our citizens based on an ideology that is in opposition to our country's and our state's founding documents, and

The City encourages all elected officials, but especially our governor and our federal delegation to condemn such attacks, and

The City recommends the formation of a citizen task force, to include residents, business owners, and city officials, to address this intolerable action.

An Increase in Revenue:					
None.					
An Increase in Expenditures:					
None.					
By a roll call vote.					
Roll Call:					
Councilor Starkweather	<u>ves</u>	Councilor Chandler	<u>abstained</u>	Councilor Zink	yes
Councilor Ribas	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Bunker	<u>yes</u>	Councilor Blake	<u>yes</u>
Councilor Desrochers a	bstained	Councilor Trudel	abstained	Councilor Dzujna	<u>yes</u>
Approved: Mayor					
Passed: September 6, 2022					
I certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force and effect as of the date of this Certification and that Michelle Stanyan is the City Clerk for the City of Franklin, New Hampshire.					
A true copy, attested: McNelly Stary City Clerk					
Date: 09/06/20	22	-			