



# The City of Minneapolis

## A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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### **Standing with All Members of Our One Minneapolis**

*Whereas*, the Muslim and Jewish members of our community are welcome in our city, and have the same right to religious freedom as any other person – Christians, and people of any faith or of no faith; and

*Whereas*, the City Council of the City of Minneapolis has adopted a resolution “Condemning violence and hate speech, expressing solidarity with Muslims and all those targeted for their ethnicity, race or religion,” on November 18, 2016; and

*Whereas*, the immigrant and refugee members of our community – documented or undocumented – bring hope, optimism and entrepreneurial spirit, along with a diversity of cultural expressions that keeps our city vibrant; and

*Whereas*, Title 2, Chapter 19 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances states that “the city does not operate its programs for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration laws,” and that “[p]ublic safety officials shall not undertake any law enforcement action for the purpose of detecting the presence of undocumented persons, or to verify immigration status, including but not limited to questioning any person or persons about their immigration status”; and

*Whereas*, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer members of our community have the right to express love, commitment and gender identity with equal protection from the law; and

*Whereas*, the City Council of the City of Minneapolis adopted a resolution “Approving the month of November 2016 to be recognized as Transgender Awareness Month in the City of Minneapolis,” on November 18, 2016; and

*Whereas*, people of color in Minneapolis are working to challenge and overcome the legacy of institutional racism, and need all community members to stand together to clearly and unapologetically focus on dismantling systems of oppression at all levels – not creating new ones; and

*Whereas*, the Indigenous peoples of Minneapolis have survived repeated destructive, genocidal acts, and yet retain the rights of sovereign nations to defend ancestral lands, resources, languages, cultures, and the seventh generation; and

*Whereas*, the women of Minneapolis deserve equality and respect – at home, in the workplace, and in public; and

*Whereas*, the disabled people of Minneapolis deserve respect and equal accommodation and inclusion in all spaces; and

*Whereas*, the people of Minneapolis recognize that people of all races, ethnicities and backgrounds all do better when we all do better together; and

*Whereas*, all members of our community deserve to live healthy, happy, rewarding lives, free of fear, as befits our status as human beings;

**Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Minneapolis stands with all members of our community. We reject the politics of division, bigotry, hate, and fear. We will fight for the rights, freedoms and interests of all of the members of our community, no matter the color of our skin, our gender, the way we worship, where we were born, our sexual orientation, or any other identity. We are and will continue to be One Minneapolis.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council and Mayor reaffirm our commitment to be a sanctuary city, in which we build and maintain positive relations between City employees and all of the members of the communities we serve.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Minneapolis encourages all other units of government to join us in standing with all members of our community.

Passed, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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Barbara A. Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

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Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

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Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk