

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (CM)

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE
DENOUNCING HATE CRIMES, BIGOTRY AND HARASSMENT
TARGETING NATIVE AMERICANS, BLACKS, LATINOS, JEWS,
MUSLIMS, AND LGBTQIA+, AND CELEBRATING THE DIVERSITY OF
OUR COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Watsonville is committed to ending the spread of hate bigotry, and harassment based on race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, or any other protected characteristic as defined by law; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Attorney General's Office, hate crime in California surged 31% in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to affirm its commitment to the well-being and safety of all of its community members and to ensure that they will be protected and their rights respected; and

WHEREAS, all persons are encouraged to report any such discriminatory or racist incidents to the proper authorities for investigation; and

WHEREAS, the Council expresses its disapproval and condemnation of any racist, intolerance and unlawful discriminatory acts; and

WHEREAS, the diversity of our community is beneficial to all within it, making us stronger and more resilient; and

WHEREAS, each of our elected leaders has the ability and obligation to promote inclusiveness; celebrate diversity; work to ensure equitable opportunities in all major facets of society; prevent the spread of misinformation and disinformation; and reject

hate and bias in all forms and should set a positive example for their constituents in this regard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That the Council hereby denounces hate crimes, bigotry, and harassment targeting Native Americans, Blacks, Latinos, Jews, Muslims, and LGBTQIA+, and celebrates the diversity of our community.
