

## **A Resolution Supporting an Inclusive and Welcoming Community**

WHEREAS, The City and residents of Grand Forks establish that the City is an inclusive community that welcomes the positive and lawful contributions of community members; and

WHEREAS, We celebrate and are proud of our community's diversity. We recognize that at every level of American society, people of all backgrounds contribute to our democracy, culture, and economy, regardless of race, ethnicity, country of origin, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, physical or mental disability, or veteran status; and

WHEREAS, We affirm that Grand Forks must be a place that respects our differences and believes that diverse perspectives enhance the cultural fabric and overall prosperity of our community for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, We uphold the fundamental rights and principles upon which the United States of America was founded, establishing the equality, respect, and dignity of all people regardless of background; and

WHEREAS, We pledge to stand against hate and discrimination, and steadfastly affirm our dedication to the inalienable right of everyone to live without fear and intimidation. We condemn harassment, assault, or intimidation based on diversity; and

WHEREAS, The City and residents of Grand Forks are committed to fostering a welcoming and inclusive community through thoughtful actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRAND FORKS CITY COUNCIL, that this Council of democratically elected representatives confirms its dedication to support the rights and dignity of all members of the community; and to condemn acts of hate, violence or discrimination.

ADOPTED by the Grand Forks City Council on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.