## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE STANDING FOR JUSTICE, PEACE, AND INCLUSION AND DENOUNCING ALL ACTS AND FORMS OF HATE, RACISM, INTOLERANCE, AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM

**WHEREAS,** In 2020 the City of Placerville saw a big increase in the number of political protests and demonstrations, instances of overt racism, complaints from the public, incidents reported to police relating to racism and extremism; and

**WHEREAS,** The City spent numerous hours/dollars in Police overtime, and City Staff time in response to the increasing political and ideological polarization; and

**WHEREAS,** These displays and demonstrations severely strain the City's limited resources; and

**WHEREAS,** The City values and welcomes all people regardless of race, political views or other personal beliefs; and

**WHEREAS,** The City denounces all acts and forms of hate, racism, intolerance, and violent extremism in Placerville; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Placerville, including the Placerville Police Department, serves all residents and visitors regardless of their race, political views or other personal factors and will treat all with respect and civility; and

WHEREAS, Protection of constitutional rights by City officials and law enforcement for all shall in no way be construed as supporting, encouraging or agreeing with any particular political, ideological or extremist group:

## NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE HEREBY PROCLAIM AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. We stand for Justice, Peace, and Inclusion for all in the City of Placerville.
- 2. We denounce all acts and forms of hate, racism, intolerance, and violent extremism.
- 3. The City of Placerville and the Placerville Police Department invite other jurisdictions, community organizations and clubs to adopt this resolution so we may come together as a community to show a unified front against Racism, Hate, Intolerance, and Extremism.
- 4. We recognize the right of all to free speech and to gather, and we recognize that these constitutional freedoms from persecution do not grant freedom from the responsibility we have to each other. We call on our residents,

visitors, businesses, and event organizers to recognize the harm that outward displays of ideology cause our businesses and community at large and request that people voluntarily choose to leave their affiliation to these groups at home when visiting downtown Placerville for the good of the community.

Date: January 26, 2021

Mayor Dennis Thomas

Vice-Mayor Kara Taylor

Councilmember Patty Borelli

Councilmember Jackie Neau

Councilmember Michael Saragosa

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Placerville to be affixed this 26th day of January, 2021.

ATTEST:

(City Seal)

Regina O'Connell, City Clerk