

AFFIRMING A COMMITMENT TO COUNTERING ANTISEMITISM

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita is a diverse city and takes great pride in our diversity and respect for all people. Our local Jewish community contributes to our community in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, the use of antisemitic language, conspiracy theories, holocaust denial, and hatred towards Jewish people has increased exponentially the past decade and has led to increased attacks against the Jewish people. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, while Jewish people account for no more than 2% of the U.S. population, Jews were the target of 55% of all religiously motivated hate crimes in recent years; and

WHEREAS, an Anti-Defamation League audit found the number of incidents of antisemitism in the United States reached an all-time high in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Colorado ranked eighth among states for the number of reported antisemitic incidents, with the number of reported incidents growing by 53 percent, reaching the highest number of reports in more than a decade, and

WHEREAS, antisemitism is counter to the basic American principles of tolerance, pluralism, and democracy and has led to violence and the destruction of lives and communities, and

WHEREAS, nearly one out of every four Jews in the U.S. has been the subject of antisemitism over the past year,

WHEREAS, education and action are essential to prevent the spread of antisemitism, provide strong support to a vulnerable community, and combat toxic hatred that harms not only the Jewish community but all Coloradans; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon us all to speak out against anti-Jewish hate, violence against Jews, antisemitism and hate speech of any kind and to stand with our Jewish community members as allies in support and solidarity, strengthening our commitment to greater understanding and dignity for all.