

## **AFFIRMING A COMMITMENT TO COUNTERING ANTISEMITISM**

**WHEREAS**, the City 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 approximately 2.4% of the U.S. population, Jews were the target of 60% 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 increased by 36 percent in 2022 and since October 2023 has increased an additional 337 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado ranked ninth among states for the number of antisemitic incidents in 2022; 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.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FRUITA CITY COUNCIL DOES HERBY AFFIRM A COMMITMENT TO COUNTERING ANTISEMITISM**  
In the City of Fruita.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Fruita this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

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Joel Kincaid, Mayor, City of Fruita

