

## ***FRUITA'S INCLUSIVITY PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS**, Fruita strives to be a community based on mutual respect and understanding; a community that welcomes and values all residents, treating everyone with human dignity and respect, and

**WHEREAS**, people of all races, religions, nationalities, genders, sexual orientations, ages, physical abilities and cultures live and work together within Fruita and bring pride to our community, and

**WHEREAS**, racism, intolerance, bigotry and fear lead to discrimination and discord, which threatens the strength, diversity, health and safety of our community, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fruita welcomes all people who recognize the rights of individuals to live their lives with dignity, free of racism, discrimination, intolerance, bigotry and hostility,

**THEREFORE**, We, the Fruita City Council, declare that our community is committed to making Fruita a welcoming, inclusive and safe community for everyone; we condemn racism and those who attempt to fan the flames of bigotry and intolerance.

We, on behalf of all Fruita residents, deplore expressions and acts of hostility, intimidation and harassment, and, instead, encourage the elimination of racism and prejudice everywhere it exists.

We hereby affirm our commitment to ensure that all members of our community are free from acts that are rooted in fear, ignorance, prejudice, and hate, and we urge all our citizens to judge one another only by the strength and qualities of their character.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the official seal of the City of Fruita this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023

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Joel Kincaid  
Mayor, City of Fruita

