



A PROCLAMATION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA
CONDEMNING VIOLENCE AND PROMOTING
RESPECTFUL DIALOGUE

WHEREAS, the City of Sonora recognizes that violence in any form—whether political, religious, racial, ethnic, or based on sexual orientation—has no place in our community; and

WHEREAS, all individuals within the community of Sonora are protected by the Constitution of the United States of America, which guarantees the fundamental right to liberty; and

WHEREAS, we are a nation of individuals who share the inalienable right of self-governance and are bound by common law to treat one another with dignity; and

WHEREAS, our freedoms are exercised responsibly only when we refrain from taking away the liberties of others; and

WHEREAS, a nation of self-governance requires that we respect the right of individuals to hold different beliefs, provided those beliefs do not use violence as a means to an end; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sonora acknowledges that while freedom of speech protects expressions, including vulgar or offensive language, we ask as a community that dialogue be conducted with mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, demonization and platitudes based on political differences serve only to divide, while open dialogue helps bridge differences and fosters understanding, even when agreement cannot be reached; and

WHEREAS, respect for one another's right to life, liberty, and differing perspectives is essential to the path of a united nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City of Sonora condemns all forms of violence, affirms its commitment to uphold the constitutional rights of all individuals, and calls upon all members of the community to engage in open, respectful dialogue as the cornerstone of a stronger, more united Sonora.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 20th day of October of the year two thousand and twenty-five.

Signed _____
Ann Segerstrom, Mayor

Attest _____
Tracy Skelly, City Clerk

