

Proclamation Against Bullying 2024

WHEREAS, the City of Sweet Home and its leadership do not condone bullying. Bullying in all its forms leads to lasting negative impacts on the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of victims. Whether physical, verbal, or cyber, it harms individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, everyone deserves to feel safe, respected, and valued in all environments, including schools, workplaces, online platforms, and public spaces; and

WHEREAS, promoting kindness, empathy, and understanding is essential for fostering inclusive and supportive communities and therefore, we celebrate diversity and respect differences; and

WHEREAS, addressing bullying requires a collective effort from individuals, families, educators, employers, and policymakers to create effective prevention and intervention strategies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the City of Sweet Home and its leadership, as a united community, firmly stand against all forms of bullying and commit to:

1. **Raise Awareness:** Educating ourselves and others about the detrimental effects of bullying and the importance of taking a stand against it.
2. **Support Victims:** Providing a safe and supportive environment for those affected by bullying, offering them the necessary resources and assistance to heal and recover.
3. **Promote Respect:** Encouraging a culture of respect and kindness by modeling positive behavior and fostering an environment where everyone feels valued and included.
4. **Implement Policies:** Supporting and advocating for policies and programs that effectively prevent bullying and address incidents promptly and fairly.
5. **Take Action:** Empowering individuals to speak out against bullying and intervene safely and appropriately when witnessing bullying behavior.

PROCLAIMED this 9th day of July 2024, declaring our unwavering commitment to creating a world free from bullying, where every person can thrive without fear of harassment or discrimination. Let us join in making Sweet Home a truly sweet place for all.

Mayor Coleman

President Pro Tem Mahler

Councilor Gourley

Councilor Richards

Councilor Sanchez

Councilor Thorstad

Councilor Trask

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder