



PROCLAMATION

Denouncing Violence In Our Nation

January 26, 2021

WHEREAS, the city of Sweet Home honors and upholds the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States giving the people of the United States of America the right to peaceably assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances; and,

WHEREAS, the city of Sweet Home strongly condemns the lawless actions of violence and destruction against our government, elected officials, government staff, and our law enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, the city of Sweet Home calls for an end to all politically motivated violence; and,

WHEREAS, the United States of America shall continue to serve as a strong model of Democracy around the world,

WHEREAS, the city of Sweet Home is committed to defending democratic institutions, the integrity of our elections, and the security of people and facilities that carry out the democratic process; and,

WHEREAS, the city of Sweet Home is committed to ending the spread of hate, bigotry, and harassment based on political affiliation, race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, or any other protected characteristic as defined by law; and,

WHEREAS, the city of Sweet Home wishes to affirm its commitment to the well-being and safety of all of its community members and to ensure that they will be protected, and their rights respected; and,

WHEREAS, each of our elected leaders has the ability and obligation to promote inclusiveness; celebrate diversity; work to ensure equitable opportunities in all major facets of society; prevent the spread of misinformation and disinformation; and reject hate and bias in all forms and should set a positive example for their constituents in this regard; and,

WHEREAS, the January 6, 2021 domestic terrorism incident at our nation's capitol and ongoing destruction of property in Portland does not reflect the values of the city of Sweet Home; and,

WHEREAS, the city of Sweet Home supports the peaceful exercise of free speech, free assembly, and freedom to worship safely for all people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the city of Sweet Home:

- Affirms its ongoing commitment to cultivating a safe and just society and culture - including within the city of Sweet Home operations and institutions - that mirrors the values of our community, works to ensure equitable opportunities in all major facets of society, and celebrates both our individuality and commonality.
- Denounces the January 6, 2021 destruction and violence that took place at our nation's capitol.
- Denounces the destruction and violence that has taken place in downtown Portland over the past several months.

- Denounces all hateful speech and bias-motivated violent actions in our community.
- Denounces extremist conspiracy theories, misinformation, and disinformation that cultivate an alienated and mistrustful electorate, undermine democratic institutions and processes, and increase the likelihood of violence.
- Denounces attempts to exploit governmental procedure and basic government functions for personal political gain.
- Commits to governmental transparency and public information-sharing in an effort to fight extremism, and the investigation and prosecution of those who commit criminal acts, consistent with civil liberties protections.
- Urges residents to join us by adopting these values in their own lives, calling attention to these harms, and denouncing hate and extremism to help keep us all safe; and,

PROCLAIMED this 26th day of January 2021.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager – Ex Officio City Recorder