



PROCLAMATION

Denouncing Racism in Sweet Home

WHEREAS, we are grieved and deeply saddened to hear that a neighbor has been poorly treated while visiting our community, and

WHEREAS, as a city, we ask for forgiveness for any people who have ever been harmed directly or indirectly by our community in the past, whether distant or recent, and

WHEREAS, history has tragically taught us what happens when people stand by and allow acts of hatred to occur, and

WHEREAS, we desire to train our young people to honor all people, and

WHEREAS, we strongly encourage all leaders, guardians, parents, and teachers to teach those in their care to demonstrate equal respect, sincere appreciation, and care for everyone, and

WHEREAS, we seek to build a better community, and

WHEREAS, we as the Sweet Home City Council condemn any words, behaviors, or attitudes that provoke fear, shame, or hostility towards another person.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Sweet Home City Council denounces all forms of racism and ask our community to look deeply and continuously in their hearts and minds to identify all signs and vestiges of racism; to rebuke the use of racist language and behavior towards others; to root out such racism in daily life and daily encounters with persons we may know and with strangers we may not know; and to expand our consciousness to be more aware and sensitive to expressions of racism and racial stereotypes.

PROCLAIMED this 25th day of January 2022.

Greg Mahler, Mayor

Diane Gerson, President Pro-Tem

Dave Trask, Councilor

Lisa Gourley, Councilor

Susan Coleman, Councilor

Angelita Sanchez, Councilor

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