

PROCLAMATION

West Linn, Oregon

WHEREAS, the City of West Linn is committed to fostering a welcoming and inclusive community in which all people feel safe and have a sense of belonging; and

WHEREAS, the number of hate crimes across the United States has increased dramatically over the years; and

WHEREAS, events occur in our community that neither represent our values nor reflect the views of those who live here; and

WHEREAS, federal and state laws confer equality on all individuals, regardless of race, gender, orientation, religion, or political beliefs; and

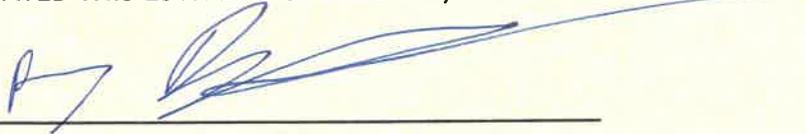
WHEREAS, education, compassion and cooperation are key to unlocking understanding and embracing differences between people; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that a Proclamation or single action, in and of itself, will not change a community but rather acknowledge that we are all responsible, both individually and collectively, for creating and fostering a community of belonging; and

WHEREAS, through the lens of events occurring here and around the country, we hereby issue this proclamation to publicly condemn bias and hate in all forms and reaffirm our community values of respect, inclusivity, civility, and a sense of belonging for all, and urge every organization in our community to stand with us.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN that we have a shared value that all people are intrinsically equal, and we stand with anyone who is mistreated because of race, ethnicity, sexual preference, religion, or ability. The City of West Linn strongly condemns all forms of racism, religious discrimination, antisemitism, bigotry, bias, and hate speech in our community, and stands steadfast in our commitment to foster an inclusive civil environment where everyone in our community is treated with dignity and respect and feels a sense of safety and belonging.

DATED THIS 13TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2025



RORY BIALOSTOSKY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER

