

RESOLUTION to condemn the use of violence, bigotry, and hateful rhetoric:

Whereas Cooperstown is home to people of diverse backgrounds, from communities of diverse beliefs and cultures, including immigrants and native-born citizens;

Whereas Cooperstown, as a tourist destination and home to a major medical facility, seeks to welcome people from throughout our region, nation, and world;

Whereas hateful and intolerant acts against others are contrary to the values of acceptance, openness, and fellowship with those of all faiths, beliefs, cultures, and backgrounds;

Whereas hate crimes and hate speech affect individual victims physically and emotionally and also impact their families, communities, and the entire group whose identity, culture, or beliefs were the motivation for hateful acts and rhetoric;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cooperstown

- (1) Condemns the use of violence, bigotry, and hateful rhetoric
- (2) Steadfastly confirms its dedication to the rights and dignity of all people
- (3) Denounces in the strongest terms the increase of hate speech, intimidations, violence, and hate crimes targeted against immigrants, refugees, people of diverse racial, ethnic, religious, and linguistic backgrounds, individuals with impairments, and those who are LGBTQ
- (4) Recognizes that people of every background—irrespective of race, religious belief, national origin, language, gender identification, or impairment—have made countless positive contributions to our community
- (5) Declares that the civil rights and civil liberties of all people in Cooperstown should be protected and preserved
- (6) Reaffirms the inalienable right of everyone in Cooperstown to live without fear and intimidation
- (7) Acknowledges that the Constitutions of the United States and State of New York fully support this resolution