

RESOLUTION #2022-16 OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONDEMNING HATE SPEECH AND DISCRIMINATORY ACTIONS OF ALL KINDS

WHEREAS, Whereas the Town of Durham is committed to providing a safe environment for all residents and staff regardless of their identity; and

WHEREAS, the Human Rights Commission initiated Resolution #2017-19, adopted by the Town Council on May 1, 2017, which describes the Town's commitment to make all residents and staff feel accepted, safe, and welcome; and

WHEREAS, hate speech is on the rise in many communities; and

WHEREAS, prevention of discrimination is an ongoing effort; and

WHEREAS, residents of Riverwoods initiated a petition urging the Town Council to affirm Durham's support for an inclusive and welcoming environment, to condemn those who seek to denigrate others and divide us based on race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, religion, abilities or socio-economic status,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Durham Town Council, the governing body of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire does hereby adopt Resolution #2022-16 reaffirming the community's commitment to safeguarding people's rights to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and to condemn those who would choose to divide us.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire this 12th day of September, 2022 by Eight (8) affirmative votes, Zero (0) negative votes, and Zero (0) abstentions.

Katherine Marple, Chair
Durham Town Council

ATTEST:

Lorrie Pitt, Town Clerk-Tax Collector