

## **Cook County United Against Hate**

### **A RESOLUTION PLEDGING TO JOIN COOK COUNTY TO UNITE AGAINST HATE**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Arlington Heights seeks to continue to become more equitable, welcoming, and connected as part of the Cook County community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Arlington Heights is dedicated to protecting all residents from hate crimes and seeking an end to bigotry in all its forms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Arlington Heights supports efforts towards social justice; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020 Anti-Black hate crimes continue to be the largest bias incident victim category, with 2,871 incidents, a 49% increase since 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism revealed that anti-Asian hate crime in major US cities increased by 164% percent in the first quarter of 2021 compared to just one year before; and

**WHEREAS**, the FBI reported anti-Hispanic hate crimes rose 8.7% in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been a 9% increase in the number of civil rights complaints from Muslims in the United States since 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Illinois residents saw a 350% increase in anti-Semitic incidents between 2016 and 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Human Rights Campaign reported that 2021 was the deadliest year on record for trans and gender-nonconforming people across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Department of Justice, persons with disabilities comprised 26% of victims of all nonfatal crimes between 2017 and 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cook County United Against Hate campaign disrupts intolerance by providing a visual, verbal, and educational avenues to stand up against all forms of bigotry; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County United Against Hate is an empowering, loving, and community spirited symbol to disrupt the symbols of discrimination that are too many to count; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County United Against Hate is an impactful pledge to welcome all people regardless of their background or identity, and to support tolerance and justice; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County United Against Hate is a personal choice to become educated on the legacies of systemic bigotry and how to be actively anti-hate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Arlington Heights encourages residents to actively learn from those with lived different experiences, and to question hateful acts whenever seen or heard, and to educate themselves on how to safely interrupt hate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Arlington Heights encourages residents to post the "Cook County United Against Hate" beacon on homes, cars, storefronts, office doors, and online so all can recognize it and know that all are welcome, and hate has no home here; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Arlington Heights encourages its residents to take the pledge to unite against prejudice and to support tolerance and justice; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village of Arlington Heights adopts the Cook County United Against Hate pledge; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Village of Arlington Heights does hereby commit to fighting injustice and intolerance, and hereby joins with its community to welcome all people regardless of their race, religion, ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, class, or other backgrounds.



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