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Chatham County Board of Commissioners

A Resolution Calling for Civility and Respect for the Rights of All Americans

WHEREAS, reports from various sources across the nation indicate a significant increase in incidents of intolerant and hateful speech since the 2016 General Election; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Poverty Law Center has identified increased organizing by white supremacist groups and a resulting proliferation of online hate speech directed at specific groups of people; and

WHEREAS, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline has experienced a marked increase in the number of calls, particularly from young lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender adults; and

WHEREAS, teachers around the country have identified increased cases of immigrant students being bullied in school; and

WHEREAS, reports of increased physical harassment by people expressing xenophobic, misogynistic, or intolerant sentiments have been reported by law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County is a diverse community dedicated to the principles of equality, nondiscrimination, and full inclusion and engagement of all residents, including ensuring each individual's civil rights, benefits, and privileges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners reaffirms its support for protecting and advancing the constitutional rights and equitable treatment of all residents and its opposition to discrimination, prejudice, fear, and intimidation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners reaffirms its support for social service employees, school district employees, law enforcement, and all members of the community whose work is to protect and support our citizens.

Approved by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on November 21, 2016.

James Crawford, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Lindsay K. Ray, Clerk to the Board
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