

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISSAQUAH, WASHINGTON, IN CONDEMNATION OF RACISM, DISCRIMINATION AND RELATED ACTS OF VIOLENCE.

WHEREAS, recently, on March 15, 2019, a gunman in Christchurch, New Zealand murdered 50 Muslims attending prayer at two different mosques during a one-hour rampage; and

WHEREAS, that act was one of New Zealand's "darkest days," and its incalculable damage is far too well-known by Americans; and

WHEREAS, we stand in support and solidarity with all who have been targets of extremist ideology because, as the New Zealand Prime Minister said, "They are us;" and

WHEREAS, hate crimes in Washington State increased by 32 percent in 2017, nearly double the rate experienced nationally; and

WHEREAS, this hate also hits close to home. Our neighbors in Klahanie in the City of Sammamish were recently targeted with spray painted racist graffiti on their homes and cars directed at religious minorities and People of Color; and

WHEREAS, vile and intimidating behavior must be met by collectively speaking out; and

WHEREAS, one in five community members in Issaquah are foreign born and our diversity in all ways continues to grow and enrich our lives; and

WHEREAS, our remarkable diversity makes Issaquah a vibrant, innovative and better place; and

WHEREAS, the unity, strength and success of all of our communities' – nationally and here on the Eastside – depends on ensuring that all our residents are safe, welcome and supported; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISSAQUAH, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council and the Mayor hereby renew and restate the resolutions made in Resolution No. 2002-09.

Section 2. The City Council declares that the City of Issaquah unequivocally condemns hate, violence and terror, and instead embraces compassion, religious freedom and peace.

PASSED by the City Council this 1st day of April, 2019.



MARIAH BETTISE, DEPUTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

APPROVED by the Mayor this 1st day of April, 2019.



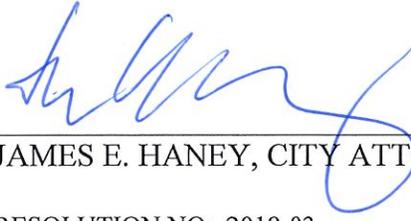
TOLA MARTS, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:



CHRISTINE L. EGGERS, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



JAMES E. HANEY, CITY ATTORNEY

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- Signed by Mayor
- Signed by Council President
- Signed by City Clerk

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