

Diversity & Inclusion Proclamation

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Hamilton continue to value the diversity of the community; and

WHEREAS, equality, inclusion, and safety for all persons are core values of the City of Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton continues to be committed to recognizing the dignity of all people; and

WHEREAS, verbal and physical acts to threaten or intimidate people are not consistent with our core values, are not part of our culture, and do not reflect who we are; and

WHEREAS, the politics of division, isolation, and hate have no place in our community; and

WHEREAS, all people deserve assurance of the basic principles of equity and human rights guaranteed in our Constitution and Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, we continue to celebrate our community's diversity and welcome all people who live, work, visit or go to school in Hamilton, regardless of their national origin, color, race, age, faith, religion, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity, financial or socioeconomic status, or political opinion.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City Council of the City of Hamilton, Montana, and the Mayor of the City of Hamilton, do hereby proclaim that we reaffirm our community's shared values of compassion, inclusion, respect, and dignity; and our continued commitment to building an environment, and a community, in which everyone is valued and everyone has the opportunity to thrive; and we encourage the citizens to likewise affirm these values of inclusion. Furthermore, we urge all members and residents of our community to treat each other with respect and work together to overcome all expressions of hate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Hamilton, in the State of Montana, to be affixed at Hamilton, Montana, this 20th day of July, 2021.

Dominic Farrenkopf, Mayor

Kristi Bielski, Councilor Ward 1

Robin Pruitt, Councilor Ward 1

Rod Pogachar, Councilor Ward 2

Dan Mitchell, Councilor Ward 2

Jenny West, Councilor Ward 3

Claire Kemp, Councilor Ward 3