

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING WHITE SUPREMACY AS DOMESTIC TERRORISM AND DECLARING WHITE SUPREMacists ARE DOMESTIC TERRORISTS

Summary: The Resolution Condemning White Supremacy as Domestic Terrorism and Declaring White Supremacists Are Domestic Terrorists condemns violence and intimidation by White Nationalist and neo-Nazi organizations. It condemns and denounces bias and hate in all of its forms, committing to ensuring civil and human rights are afforded to all individuals in the City of _____, and reaffirming the City's commitment to peace, respect, inclusivity, and equity for all. It calls on law enforcement agencies to protect Americans from such groups in the same manner and with the same fervor used to protect us from other manifestations of terrorism.

Based on the City of _____ Resolution adopted _____.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, 18 U.S. Code § 2331(5) defines the term “domestic terrorism” as

activities that—

- (A) involve acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State;
- (B) appear to be intended—
 - (i) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population;
 - (ii) to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or
 - (iii) to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, or kidnapping; and
- (C) occur primarily within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States; and

WHEREAS, throughout the course of our nation’s history, White Nationalism has promoted intimidation and violent repression of individuals solely on the basis of their race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and immigration status; and

WHEREAS, “racially and ethnically motivated domestic violent extremists, specifically white supremacist extremists, remain the most persistent and lethal threat in the United States,” according to the [U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#); and

WHEREAS, “white supremacist extremists have demonstrated longstanding intent to target racial and religious minorities, members of the LBGTQ+ community, politicians, and those they believe promote multi-culturalism,” according to the [U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#), and that “since 2018, white supremacist extremists have conducted more lethal attacks in the United States than any other domestic violent extremist movement;” and

WHEREAS, it is an ideology focused on maintaining White political and economic, as well as demographic, dominance; it is at odds with our commitment to inclusion and multiracial democracy in the City of _____; and

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WHEREAS, White Nationalism has attempted to reinvent itself, self-identifying as the “Alt-Right,” yet their present-day rhetoric and terrorism conjure painful memories of our nation’s past (and still-existing racism); and

WHEREAS, free speech is a core principle of American democracy, but does not excuse the unconscionable agenda of hate groups that seek to destabilize American democracy, use fear as a control tactic, divide our community, and promote and ignite social animosities; and

WHEREAS, while free speech is a bedrock value for Americans, White Nationalist and neo-Nazi groups promote agendas that are in irreconcilable conflict with our nation’s foundational principles of liberty and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, White Nationalism and neo-Nazism are continuing to grow as menaces to societal order that seek to reignite social animosities, reverse improvements in race relations, divide the nation, and foment hatred, classism and ethnic eradication; and

WHEREAS, our history serves a critical role in our understanding of discrimination, it is thereby incumbent upon us to acknowledge our history, so we do not repeat it; and

WHEREAS, our values are rooted in peace, respect, inclusivity, and equity, and we derive our strength from our diversity; we commit to ensuring the inequities of the past are never a part of our future; and

WHEREAS, the City of _____ condemns xenophobia, racism, White Supremacy, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, homophobia, ableism, sexism, and all other forms of bigotry; proudly stands for individual dignity and security and in unity against all those who would seek to propagate hate, fear, intimidation and incite fear and violence targeting any human being; and

WHEREAS, the City of _____ celebrates and embraces the diversity of our community, which includes people of all races, national origins, immigration or refugee statuses, heritages, cultures, religions, sexes, gender identities, gender expressions, sexual orientations, abilities, ages, and economic statuses; and

WHEREAS, the White Nationalist and neo-Nazi message of racial and social intolerance has led to senseless acts of violence that continue to terrorize members of ethnic and religious minority communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of _____ denounces bias or hate in any form and is committed to continue pursuing policies and directing resources of the City in the next year and beyond to ensure civil and human rights are afforded to all individuals; and be it further

RESOLVED, by the Council, that we strongly denounce and oppose the totalitarian impulses, violent terrorism, xenophobic biases, and bigoted ideologies that are promoted by White Nationalists and neo-Nazis; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we urge law enforcement to recognize these White Nationalist and neo-Nazi groups as domestic terrorist organizations, and to pursue the criminal elements of these domestic terrorist organizations in the same manner and with the same fervor used to protect the United States from other manifestations of terrorism; and be it further

RESOLVED the City of _____ is proud to stand as a shining example of cities committed to inclusion, dignity, and justice. To that end we deepen our resolve to recognize and confront systemic discrimination reaffirming our steadfast commitment to peace, respect, inclusivity, and equity for all; and be it further

RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this Resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, all members of the United States Congress, all statewide elected officials in Montana, the leaders of all Tribal Nations in Montana, members of the Montana Legislature, _____ County Commissioners, and _____.