

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FERNDALE, WASHINGTON, REJECTING WHITE SUPREMACY AND ESTABLISHING FERNDALE AS A WELCOMING CITY

WHEREAS, Ferndale recently discovered Neo-Nazi recruitment flyers posted in our downtown; and

WHEREAS, undoing the damage of racism and white supremacy requires continual effort and vigilance; and

WHEREAS, communities must take a strong and united stand against hateful and divisive rhetoric to ensure it does not become common and accepted in our community; and

WHEREAS, knowing that these Neo-Nazi activities are occurring in our community compels the Council and Administration to speak with one voice; and

WHEREAS, nationally, hate crimes and white supremacist activities have dramatically increased in recent years; and

WHEREAS, action by the City clearly defines the principles and values of our community; and

WHEREAS, zero is the acceptable amount of white supremacist activity and racism in Ferndale; and

WHEREAS, illustrating and memorializing our community values is one of the key purposes of a resolution; and

WHEREAS, striving to be a more inclusive community benefits the City as a whole;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FERNDALE DO RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That we affirm that Ferndale is a welcoming community to all people, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation or country of origin. We stand united against racist, xenophobic groups that promote bigotry and

hatred. We reject all forms of racism and white supremacy and speak out against anyone who wishes to divide us by prejudice.

Section 2. Furthermore, we resolve to put words into action and work actively to identify ways in which the diversity of Ferndale can be supported and celebrated.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Ferndale in regular session this X day of X, 20XX.

ATTEST:

Jon Mutchler, MAYOR

Susan Duncan, CMC, CITY CLERK