RESOLUTION NO. 1246

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO MESSAGES OF HATE

WHEREAS, the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Oregon guarantee the right of the People to engage in First Amendment protected activities; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City of Canby Charter, each Official of the City of Canby takes an oath affirming support of the Constitutions and Laws of the United States, the State Of Oregon, and the City of Canby; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to foster a culture of mutual understanding and appreciation for the inherent value of all within our community regardless of race, sex, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or other characteristic; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Canby wishes to exercise their City's right to speak out in support of a culture of respect for all people; and

WHEREAS, in order to foster a culture of appreciation for the inherent value of all within our community, the City Council wishes to express their opposition to the use of statements, symbols, actions, or activities that would convey messages of hatred, foster intolerance, or in any way seek to deprive any person of their fundamental rights.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Canby as follows:

- 1. The City Council supports and endorses a culture of appreciation and value for all persons within the community regardless of race, sex, age, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or other characteristic.
- 2. Statements, whether through the use of words, action, symbols or in any other form expressing hatred or intolerance are neither supported nor endorsed by the City Council of the City of Canby.
- 3. The City Council expressly condemns and rejects any intolerant statement made that is not afforded protection as free speech under the first amendment to the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Oregon.
- 4. The Canby City Council recognizes and embraces our responsibility to be vigilant in defense of the rights of all people, proactive in our attempts to be a welcoming community for all people looking for a better life, and steadfast and vigorous in condemning all forms of unconstitutional infringement.

This resolution shall take effect July 12, 2016.

ADOPTED this 12th day of July 2016, by the Canby City Council.

tan Brian Hodson Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly Scheafer, MMC City Recorder