

RESOLUTION 2060

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR OF ANACORTES
DECLARING A CITYWIDE POLICY OF INCLUSION**

WHEREAS, as the City's elected officials recognize the following principles as fundamental and true to the values, unity, and hospitality found throughout the Anacortes community:

- We understand that every person should be measured by the content of their character. The unalienable rights to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness belong to all people, equally. We expect all individuals to be treated fairly and to be allowed to live their lives with dignity, free from mistreatment and targeting.
- We firmly reject and condemn all acts of racism, harassment, intimidation, and other forms of bullying.
- We firmly reject and condemn, as contrary to our values, acts of hate speech—speech that attacks a person or a group on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, ancestry, national origin, immigration status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, mental or physical ability, economic status, housing status, social status, system of belief, practice of faith.
- We believe that the clear and noteworthy spirit of our community as a whole is welcoming and kind, richly diverse, and warmly accepting of everyone—locals and visitors alike.
- We are committed to maintaining Anacortes as a welcoming, safe, and just community for everyone. We will continue to work, in cooperation with our community partners, to ensure that consistent with the law our services and programs are accessible and open to all individuals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ANACORTES, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:**

The City Council and Mayor declare it to be the policy of the City that our City is accessible and open to everyone; to vigorously oppose all acts of racism, harassment, intimidation, bullying, and hate speech toward anyone; and to provide equal access to our local government to all persons in our City.

PASSED by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor this 28th day of October, 2019.

CITY OF ANACORTES



Laurie Gere, Mayor

ATTEST:



Steve Heglund, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Darcy Swetnam, City Attorney