



# Proclamation

*A Proclamation of Acceptance and  
Openness Among All Our Citizens*

*Whereas, it is the policy of the City of Livingston to prevent "harassment and discrimination based upon race, color, sex, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, disability or housing status; and*

*Whereas, recently several community members have experienced incidents of racist anti-Semitic hate speech targeting a specific demographic in our population; and*

*Whereas, in 2018, the FBI released its Hate Crime Statistics Program report in which it reports receiving 8,496 offenses. A 16-year high according to the report; and*

*Whereas, The City Commission of the City of Livingston wish to publically stand in our solidarity with all members of our community in condemning racism, anti-Semitism and all forms of hate speech and emphasize our commitment to protecting all citizens and promote respectful discourse in our community.*

*Now, Therefore, through our elected members of the City Commission, of the City of Livingston, Montana, stands firmly with our community members to reaffirm, that all are accepted; and*

*Be it further resolved, I, Dorel Hoglund, Chair of the City Commission do hereby encourage other municipal leaders across our nation to join us to strengthen our fight against racism, anti- Semitism and all forms of discrimination.*

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2020

Signed: [Signature]  
Dorel Hoglund, Chair

Signed: [Signature]  
Michael J. Kardoes, City Manager

Attest: [Signature]  
Faith Kinnick, Recording Secretary