



Proclamation

*A Proclamation of the City Commission declaring
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, the City of Livingston seeks to continue to become a more equitable, welcoming and connected community, and is dedicated to protecting all residents from hate crimes and seeks to end bigotry in all forms; and

WHEREAS, the FBI has defined a hate crime as a “criminal offense against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by an offender’s bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity;” and

WHEREAS, data from the FBI reports in 2019, 15,588 law enforcement agencies participated in the Hate Crime Statistics Program. Of these agencies, 2,172 reported 7,314 hate crime incidents involving 8,559 offenses 1,395 offenses were based on sexual-orientation bias reports indicate:

- 62.2 percent were classified as anti-gay (male) bias.
- 24.5 percent were prompted by anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender bias.
- 10.2 percent were classified as anti-lesbian bias.
- 1.9 percent were classified as anti-bisexual bias.
- 1.2 percent were the result of anti-heterosexual bias.

WHEREAS, the Human Rights Campaign reported that 2021 was the deadliest year on record for trans and gender- non conforming people across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Livingston wishes to publically support and stand in solidarity with all members of our community by: condemning hate activity; opposing hateful and hurtful actions; and supporting the LGBTQ+ community for the purpose of establishing a City that is safe, welcoming and embraces all members.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Livingston City Commission pledges to stand firmly with our community members and support the efforts of our allies by condemning hate crimes, challenging bigotry and discrimination, supporting marginalized people and advocating for policies and legislation that honor everyone’s basic human rights so that all are valued and accepted in our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, I, Melissa Nootz, Chair of the City Commission do hereby encourage other municipal leaders across our state and nation to join us to strengthen our fight against all forms of discrimination, intolerance and hateful activity.

DATED this 16th day of May, 2023

Signed:


Melissa Nootz, Chair

Signed:


Grant Gager, City Manager

Attest:


Faith Kinnick, Recording Secretary

