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RESOLUTION CONDEMNING HATE CRIMES AND DISCRIMINATION

WHEREAS, recent tragedies in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Louisville, Kentucky, have exemplified the rise in hate crimes and malicious rhetoric; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland supports and seeks to protect all its residents no matter their ethnicity, race, faith, sexual orientation, or gender; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland supports and commits to calling out hate and discrimination and to helping promote our core American value that no one should be targeted or discriminated against; and

WHEREAS, the increase in violence and hate crimes has resulted in a rise in fear and instability within communities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, as public servants, we have an even greater responsibility to speak out against discrimination and hatred, including, but not limited to, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and hatred because when the unacceptable becomes the norm in our society, human rights for all are threatened; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland is a city of immigrants, and a city with a diverse, strong inter-faith community; and

WHEREAS, hate will not be tolerated against any group in the City of Portland, and we will stand together to fight any form of bigotry, discrimination, or hate from whatever the source;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Portland City Council and Mayor wholeheartedly condemn these acts and all discrimination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Portland City Council recommits to protecting all of the city's citizens and families no matter their religion or ethnicity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Portland City Council is proud to stand with all Americans, regardless of their ethnicity or religion, and to stand against those who preach hate and incite violence.