CITY OF BELVEDERE

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELVEDERE DECLARING NOVEMBER 12-18, 2023, UNITED AGAINST HATE WEEK IN BELVEDERE

WHEREAS, the City of Belvedere stands for diversity, inclusivity, and respect for all, irrespective of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or any characteristic; and

WHEREAS, we reject hate, discrimination, and violence, aiming for a prejudice-free community; and

WHEREAS, we collectively promote acceptance, respect and tolerance, and unity, enabling residents to live, work, and thrive without fear; and

WHEREAS, united, we strengthen and celebrate our town's rich tapestry of cultures and perspectives; and

WHEREAS, the "United Against Hate Week" campaign embodies our collective commitment to foster an environment where every resident can live, work, and flourish without fear of hatred; and

WHEREAS, we endorse the "California vs Hate" coalition's mission to combat hate, prejudice, and intolerance such as xenophobia, anti-Semitism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, anti-Muslim hatred, and other bigoted views by emboldened hate groups and individuals and intolerance and encourage communities to report hate incidents to the California vs Hate hotline; and

WHEREAS, by joining with our fellow California cities, we send a resounding message that we are united in our resolve to combat hate and promote acceptance; and

WHEREAS, we call upon all residents, businesses, schools, and organizations to unite against hate, join events, champion inclusivity, tolerance, and unity; and

WHEREAS, during this week, we reaffirm our commitment to the following principles:

- 1. We denounce hate, discrimination, and violence in all forms.
- 2. We pledge to stand up against hate and support victims of hate incidents.
- 3. We encourage open dialogue and respectful conversations to bridge divides and promote understanding.
- 4. We celebrate the richness of our diverse community and the strength it brings to our city.
- 5. We commit to working together, in partnership with other California cities, to create a safe and welcoming environment for all.

WHEREAS, we urge our community members to report any hate incidents to the California Vs. Hate hotline at 833-8-NO-HATE or online at CAvsHate.org, in order to combat hate effectively and promote a safer environment for all.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Belvedere is in enthusiastic support of United Against Hate Week, in solidarity with the "California vs Hate" coalition and partners, in our county on November 12 - 18th, 2023, and each and every day beyond.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Belvedere City Council on November 13, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

Cooper, Kemnitzer, Wilkinson, Mark

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

Mayor Lynch

ABSTAIN:

None

APPROVED

Peter Mark, Vice Mayor

ATTEST.

Beth, Haener, City Clerk