

PROCLAMATION

City of Monrovia

WHEREAS, this year "United Against Hate Week" will be recognized November 12-19, 2023, across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution enshrines equality on all individuals, regardless of race, gender, orientation, religion, or political views; and

WHEREAS, across the globe we continue to witness how toxic environments encourage the propagation of racist, xenophobic, sexist, homophobic, anti-Semitic, Islamophobic, and other bigoted views; and

WHEREAS, deep divisions within our country allow for the festering of extreme ideology, further strengthening a cycle of mistrust and suspicion fueled by fear, anxiety, and insecurity and resulting in hate crimes; and

WHEREAS, every person in Monrovia deserves to be treated fairly, with dignity, and to have their humanity, existence, history, and contributions valued; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monrovia does not tolerate any prejudice, racism, bigotry, hatred, bullying and violence, and remains committed to advancing equity and justice for all people and protecting all residents and families no matter their ethnicity, national origin, race, faith, sexual orientation, or gender; and

WHEREAS, education, compassion, and cooperation are key to understanding and embracing differences between people; and

WHEREAS, joining the United Against Hate Week campaign is an important step in bridging divisions and healing communities;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Becky A. Shevlin, Mayor of the City of Monrovia, along with the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of November 12-19, 2023, as

"United Against Hate Week"

and ask all Monroviaans to join together and condemn all forms of hate, racism, and violence perpetrated, tolerated, or encouraged by any group or individual.

~ Dated this 7th day of November, 2023 ~

