

RESOLUTION 2017 - 09

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HALFMOON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AFFIRMING THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' COMMITMENT TO THE AMERICAN AND PENNSYLVANIAN FOUNDING PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY AND TOLERANCE AND AGAINST THREATS OR ACTS OF INTOLERANCE AGAINST ITS RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2017, the Halfmoon Township Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2017-08 affirming the values of equity and inclusion in our community and condemning in all forms: religious intolerance of any kind, racism, sexism, homophobia and xenophobia in rhetoric or action; and

WHEREAS, we believe that it is important to expand on the principles articulated in Resolution No. 2017-08, Commitment to Equity and Inclusion, to expressly address the concerns of residents who, in several public forums, have described recent acts of religious, ethnic, sexual orientation-related and gender intimidation and intolerance; and

WHEREAS, we recognize this described behavior as threatening to our American constitutional protections and contrary to the founding principles of this nation and this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the inherent worth of all people who choose to live in Halfmoon Township and value the contribution of each person's unique individual, cultural and ethnic heritage to our community; and

WHEREAS, we remain committed to the principles of inclusivity, non-discrimination and equal protection under just law; and,

WHEREAS, we know and embrace the history of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the purpose of its founding by William Penn as a refuge for those facing intolerance and those persecuted for their religious beliefs; and

WHEREAS, the Halfmoon Board of Supervisors believes in the importance of protecting all residents' rights to exist, work, learn and raise families in our communities free from threats or intimidation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Halfmoon Township hereby re-affirms and upholds the values of liberty and tolerance and will continue to welcome all persons,

unconditionally as members of our community, and will support policies both locally and regionally that further the dignity of all peoples.

RESOLVED this 9th day of March, 2017.

HALFMOON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: *Danille Dela*

ATTEST:

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