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RESOLUTION NO. 16-351

**RESOLUTION REJECTING ACTS OF INTIMIDATION AND SUPPORTING A DIVERSE AND SAFE COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, following the national election the City Council received reports of a number of intimidating actions directed toward definable groups within the Iowa City community, including an incident late Friday evening, November 11, 2016 when a racist note was taped to the front door of a Sudanese-American family in Iowa City telling them "go home"; and

WHEREAS, we are disheartened at the rhetoric, comments, statements and expressions of hate taking place across the country, and are troubled that similar comments have been made in our community; and

WHEREAS, verbal and physical acts that threaten or intimidate people with whom one disagrees are not part of our culture and do not reflect who we are; and

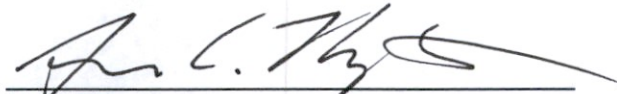
WHEREAS, we are committed to our City Charter, the human rights provisions of our City Code, and the constitutions of the United States and State of Iowa that protect civil liberties and provide equal protection under the law; and,

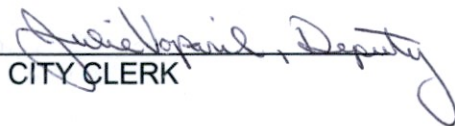
WHEREAS, we strongly condemn any political rhetoric, regardless of viewpoint, that involves threatening or intimidating language and any actions that involve the threat or fact of physical harm to others; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate our community's diversity, and welcome all residents who live here, regardless of their national origin, color, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IOWA CITY, IOWA, that we reaffirm our community's shared values of compassion, inclusion, respect, and dignity; and our commitment to building an environment, and a community, in which everyone is valued and everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Passed and approved this 6th day of December, 2016.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:   
CITY CLERK

Approved By:  11-29-16  
City Attorney's Office

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It was moved by Botchway and seconded by Mims the  
Resolution be adopted, and upon roll call there were:

AYES:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAIN:	
<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	Botchway
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<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	Dickens
<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	Mims
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<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	Thomas
<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	Throgmorton