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CITY OF ALAMEDA RESOLUTION NO. 12944

DECLARING THE CITY OF ALAMEDA A HATE-FREE CITY

WHEREAS, hate violence has become a daily occurrence and is increasing at epidemic rates across the nation; and

WHEREAS, history has tragically taught us what happens when people stand by and allow acts of violence and hatred to occur; and

WHEREAS, people often feel isolated, without hope and helpless to do anything individually to end hate violence; and

WHEREAS, the people of Alameda, California find hate violence to be cowardly, appalling and unwanted; and

WHEREAS, civic and religious organizations throughout the Bay Area have condemned hate violence; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda Social Service Human Relations Board has become involved in leading the discussion about whether our community is vulnerable to a climate of hate and learning to prevent hate activity when it appears in Alameda; and

WHEREAS, in light of specific incidents in Alameda, the Social Service Human Relations Board urges the City Council to adopt this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alameda hereby, in keeping with the principle of equal civil rights for all, unequivocally opposes any manifestation of hatred and prejudice towards any group or individual; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Alameda hereby join with thousands of other neighbors to say with one voice "Not in Alameda" by declaring Alameda to be a "Hate-Free City" and resolving to stand together with all people of good faith across the country and support this national effort to push back the rising tide of hate violence by involving the diverse Alameda communities in an effort to address hate violence.

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