



**PROCLAMATION OF SUPPORT FOR AND SOLIDARITY WITH
THE CITY AND CITIZENS OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, the events in Charlottesville, Virginia, remind us that the cancer of hate, racism, anti-Semitism, bigotry, and intolerance are a blight upon our society; and,

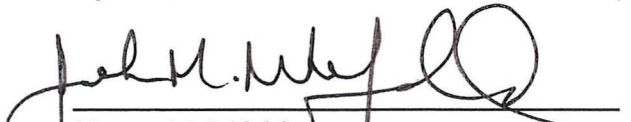
WHEREAS, silence and inaction in the face of such affronts is an unacceptable response; and

WHEREAS, such affronts further denigrate the service of our World War II veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice to rid the world of the scourge of Nazism and fascism; and,

WHEREAS, recognizing that the burden of ridding society of hate, racism, anti-Semitism, bigotry, and intolerance is one we all must share,

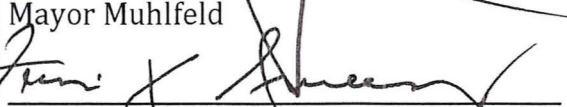
THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEFISH, MONTANA, AND THE COMMUNITY OF WHITEFISH, PROCLAIM THEIR SUPPORT FOR, AND SOLIDARITY WITH, THE CITY AND CITIZENS OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA and joins other like-minded municipalities across the United States of America to denounce white supremacy, hate, Nazism, bigotry, anti-Semitism, and intolerance as being anathema to a free and virtuous society.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereto set our hands and caused the Seal of the City of Whitefish to be affixed this 21st day of August, 2017.

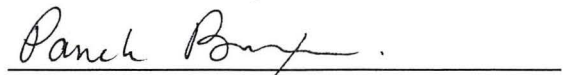


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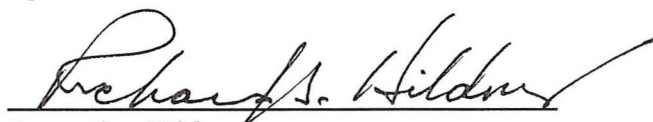
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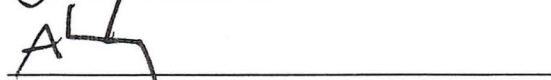
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August 21, 2017

Honorable Mayor Mike Signer and
Charlottesville City Councilors
City of Charlottesville
P.O. Box 911
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Subject: City of Whitefish, Montana: Proclamation of Support for and Solidarity with the City and Citizens of Charlottesville, Virginia

Honorable Mayor Mike Signer and Charlottesville City Councilors:

This past Monday, Whitefish City Council took a stance in solidarity with the citizens of Charlottesville, affirming our commitment to denouncing white supremacy, hate, Nazism, bigotry and anti-Semitism.

Over the last three years, we have formally crafted a resolution, non-discrimination ordinance, and most recently a Proclamation repudiating the ideas and ideology of the so-called alt-right as a direct affront to our community's core values and principles. This past winter, our small mountain town in Northwest Montana experienced extreme anti-Semitic terrorism from people outside of our community. Like Charlottesville, compassion, diversity, open-mindedness, acceptance, tolerance and kindness, are values esteemed by the community of Whitefish.

I have enclosed a copy of our adopted *Proclamation of Support for and Solidarity with the City and Citizens of Charlottesville*, in addition to our own Proclamation honoring our responsibility to promoting tolerance, non-discrimination and diversity within our community.

Whitefish stands in solidarity with Charlottesville, and we will continue to support your community and your government's stance against bigotry, hate and white supremacy. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (406) 249-2779, or jmuhlfeld@cityofwhitefish.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Muhlfeld", is written over the typed name and title.

John M. Muhlfeld
Mayor

Attachments

cc: Whitefish City Council