CIVIL COMMUNITY RESOLUTION

The undersigned Members of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Kingston, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby ratify and affirm the following principals of civility within our community:

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That no member of our community should ever feel threatened, intimidated or be discriminated against based on their race, religion, creed, ethnicity, gender, age or sexual orientation;

While respecting each individual's right to hold their own beliefs and to lawfully express their opinions, the reach of personal freedom does not extend so far as to allow any one citizen to impose their ideology on another, nor may any one member of our community cause harm to another under the pretext of individual liberty;

That there is no place in a civil society for any form of hate speech, nor for conduct intended to incite violence or instill fear of harm in another group of persons;

That just as ignorance fans the flames of hatred and bigotry, so too education extinguishes such ideologies by promoting tolerance and valuing diversity within our society; and

That it is incumbent upon all members of our community who oppose racism, discrimination and oppression to stand up to those who would tear others down, speak out against conduct not befitting a civil society and to work for equality and social justice for all.

TOWN OF KINGSTON,
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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