

Proclamation

Of The City of Livermore

SUPPORTING A CULTURE OF WELCOME, INCLUSION, AND RESPECT

2019

WHEREAS, the region around the City of Livermore has a diverse history that begins with the Ohlone, Miwok, and Yokuts peoples, continues with being a part of Spain and Mexico, and is now part of California and the United States; and

WHEREAS, our city was named for Robert Livermore, himself an immigrant and a man who lived the values of welcoming strangers, as recorded in the diary of his foreman, Joshua Neal: "Many of the immigrants will remember his kindness of heart and hospitality to all, for he was continually assisting those in need. His orders to his vaqueros were to be on the lookout for coming immigrants, and as soon as discovered, to go up to them and ascertain their needs"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Livermore has been and continues to be home to people of different national origins, immigration or refugee status, cultures, histories, races, ethnicities, religious affiliations or none, gender identities, sexual orientations, ages, education, economic status and physical, mental or emotional abilities. Our strength is derived from our diversity and inclusiveness, from respecting one another, from welcoming immigrants and others, and from collaborating with one another across our differences; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that a city can best stand against bigotry, intolerance and hate through leading by example and living our shared community values of welcome, inclusion, and respect and by developing common ground in venues that allow us to talk and work together in service to each other and our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Livermore stands against acts of hatred and supports community efforts which invite residents to learn from each other, and encourages activities such as the Rally for Love, the Diwali Festival, the Philippine Barrio Fiesta, the Sikh Harvest Festival, the Native American Pow Wows, the Rally for Families, the InterFaith Thanksgiving Celebration, the Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission's International World's Fair, the Hispanic Folklorico gatherings, and others. All of which bring members of the community together to celebrate diversity, and support the integration of immigrants and other new residents into our community.

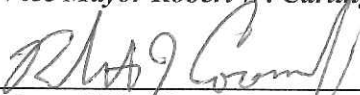


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