

**PROPOSED**

**CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Whereas**, on May 26, 2015, the Charlotte City Council unanimously adopted a Resolution on the Protection of Civil Liberties, which the Resolution states that “the Charlotte City Council recognizes that the community is comprised of a diverse population, which is vital to the City of Charlotte” and “the Council seeks to foster trust with all members of our community”, and

**Whereas**, on December 19, 2016, the Charlotte City Council unanimously adopted a Resolution stating the Council’s opposition to discrimination, and

**Whereas**, in June 2017, President Donald Trump said 15,000 recent immigrants from Haiti “all have AIDS” and that 40,000 Nigerians, once seeing the United States, would never “go back to their huts” in Africa, and

**Whereas**, in August 2017, President Donald Trump called some of those who marched alongside white supremacists in Charlottesville, Va., last August “very fine people.”

**Whereas**, on May 16, 2018, President Trump referred to undocumented immigrants as “animals.”

**Whereas**, on July 14, 2019, President Donald Trump suggested that four minority United States congresswomen, all of whom are American citizens and three of whom were born in the United States, should “go back to “the totally broken and crime infested places from which they came.”

**Whereas**, on July 17, 2019, President Donald Trump held a rally in Greenville, NC where his supporters chanted “Send her Back” in reference to Congresswoman Ilhan Omar.

**Whereas**, the Council deems it imperative to condemn such racist and xenophobic language that only serves to stoke fear of others and perpetuate division everywhere based on ethnicity, religion, and/or race.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Charlotte City Council hereby: (i)acknowledges that many the City’s residents are immigrants and/or people of color; (ii) believes that Charlotte should always be welcoming and inviting of people of diverse and different ethnicities and background, so long as those differences do not lead to personal insults or violent discourse;(iii) strongly condemns all of President Donald Trump’s racist and xenophobic tweets and comments; (iv)condemns all hate speech, bigotry, racism, and discrimination, wherever it may occur, especially from the highest levels of government.