

BOROUGH OF BRIDGEPORT

RESOLUTION 2018 - ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF BRIDGEPORT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DECLARING IT TO BE THE PUBLIC POLICY OF THE BOROUGH OF BRIDGEPORT TO CONDEMN HATE CRIME AND ANY OTHER FORM OF RACISM, RELIGIOUS OR ETHNIC BIAS, DISCRIMINATION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEX OR SEXUAL PREFERENCE, INCITEMENT TO VIOLENCE, OR ANIMUS TARGETING A MINORITY IN THE BOROUGH OF BRIDGEPORT

WHEREAS, in the past several years, violent crimes, threats of violence, and other incidents of hate-motivated targeting of religious, racial and other minorities and classes of groups and individuals have increased across the United States, including the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby affirmed and declared to be the public policy of the Borough of Bridgeport that the Borough stands united in condemning hate and discrimination in all forms; and

WHEREAS, the Borough rejects hate-motivated crime as an attack on the fabric of society of the Borough of Bridgeport and the ideals of pluralism and respect; and

WHEREAS, the Borough condemns hate crime and any form of racism, religious or ethnic bias, discrimination, including, but not limited to, discrimination based on sex or sexual preference, incitement to violence, or animus targeting a minority in the Borough of Bridgeport as set forth in Federal law, State law, and in the Borough of Bridgeport's Anti-Discrimination Ordinance, No. 2018-02; and

WHEREAS, the Borough calls on the local law enforcement officials, working with the Borough, the State and Federal Officials to:

- A. Expeditiously investigate, or assist in investigation of, all credible reports of hate crimes and incidents and threats against minorities in the Borough of Bridgeport in accordance with Federal law, State law, and the Borough of Bridgeport's Anti-Discrimination Ordinance, No. 2018-02.
- B. To hold, or to assist in holding, the perpetrators of those crimes, incidents, or threats accountable and bring the perpetrators to justice in accordance with Federal law, State law, and the Borough of Bridgeport's Anti-Discrimination Ordinance, No. 2018-02.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough Council of Borough of Bridgeport affirms it to be the public policy of the Borough to condemn and refuse to tolerate any hate crime and any form of racism, religious or ethnic bias, discrimination, including, but not

limited to, discrimination based on sex or sexual preference, incitement to violence, or animus targeting a minority in the Borough of Bridgeport as set forth in Federal law, State law, and in the Borough of Bridgeport's Anti-Discrimination Ordinance, No. 2018-02

BE IT RESOLVED, this 25th day of September 2018, by the Borough Council for the Borough of Bridgeport.

ATTEST:

**BOROUGH OF BRIDGEPORT
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

MARYJO DICKINSON, SECRETARY

JOHN PIZZA, PRESIDENT

Approved by the Mayor of the Borough of Bridgeport, this 25th day of September 2018.

MARK BARBEE, MAYOR