

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

Whereas, on June 25, 2022, anti-Semitic flyers were distributed to lawns and driveways of residential homes in the City of Venice. Shortly after that disturbing event, Venice Mayor Ron Feinsod received an e-mail in the form of anti-Semitism hate mail. The rise in anti-Semitism throughout our city, county, state and country is both offensive and deplorable.

Whereas, the contents of the flyers and the e-mail violate our sense of common decency and moral behavior. These incidents have created concern and outrage in our community, which is founded on our nation's principals of protecting individual rights, including freedom of religion. Our nation's founding fathers believed in these principals and incorporated it into the 1st Amendment to our Constitution.

Whereas, our nation fought WWII in defense of these sacred principals. Over one million brave Americans were killed or injured fighting against the Nazi regime. Now, our responsibility as Americans is to defend the rights and freedoms of every American regardless of religious beliefs. We, as a community, have a responsibility to defend our Constitution and all that it stands for.

Now, Therefore, the City of Venice does hereby declare that attacks on any person, group or organization based on their religious beliefs, race or ethnicity to be condemned.

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We, the people of the City of Venice do hereby declare that all forms of hate, racism and anti-Semitism are considered an attack on every citizen and visitor to our great city.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Venice to be affixed this 23rd day of August, 2022.

Ron Feinsod, Mayor