

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our community is a tapestry woven from the rich threads of diverse cultures, backgrounds, and perspectives and it is our shared responsibility to uphold these values and ensure that every member of our community feels valued and heard ; and

WHEREAS, diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging for all persons are critical values of the City of Brentwood; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brentwood is committed to recognizing the dignity of all people, and demands moral integrity from all residents and visitors of the city, showcasing greater respect and civility; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate our community's diversity and welcome all people who live, work, and go to school here, regardless of their identity, religion, financial or socioeconomic status, or political persuasion; and

WHEREAS, the politics of division, isolation, and hate have no place in our community, as all people deserve assurance of the basic principles of equality and human rights that are guaranteed in our Constitution; and

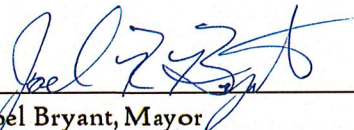
WHEREAS, threats or intimidation to the emotional, mental, or physical well-being of anyone is not consistent with our community values, are not part of our culture, and do not reflect who we are; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brentwood stands united in our commitment to combat the scourge of anti-Semitism. We denounce all forms of hatred and prejudice targeting individuals of Jewish faith and heritage. Our shared values of equality, tolerance, and respect demand that we actively challenge anti-Semitic ideologies and discrimination in any form; and

WHEREAS, each of us can and should love one's neighbor; promote inclusiveness; celebrate diversity; and reject hate, contention, and bias in all forms; to further ensure that Brentwood is a stronger and healthier community.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City Council of the City of Brentwood, do hereby proclaim: 1) that we reaffirm our community's shared and encouraged adherence to the values of diversity, inclusion, respect, and civility; 2) our commitment to building an environment, and a community, in which everyone is valued and everyone has the opportunity to thrive; and 3) that we encourage the community to likewise affirm these values with greater passion and dedicated effort.

Dated this 10th day of October, 2023

  
Joel Bryant, Mayor

