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BEAVERTON CITY COUNCIL PASSES RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MUSLIM COMMUNITY

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The Beaverton City Council unanimously passed a resolution on Tuesday declaring its support for the Muslim community and condemning all forms of discrimination, hate speech and violent acts targeting specific communities. With this action, the City of Beaverton follows other cities across the country who have taken similar actions in recent months in response to a spike in anti-Muslim and anti-refugee rhetoric.

“Beaverton prides itself on being a welcoming city and we want all of our residents to feel safe here,” said Mayor Denny Doyle. “Especially in difficult times, we must show our support and send a clear message that expressions of hate have no place in our city.”

The resolution was drafted by the city’s Diversity Advisory Board (DAB) and presented to council for consideration. “In a time when discrimination and violence against the Muslim community has risen to levels similar to those just after 9/11, this is a powerful statement by our city leaders in support of our community,” said Samira Godil, Diversity Advisory Board member.

In April 2015, Beaverton was officially declared a “Welcoming City,” joining a network of cities and counties across the country actively working to become more welcoming and inclusive to immigrants. The council resolution calls on all residents to “recognize and celebrate the diversity that is represented in our city and to make extra efforts to ensure the safety of our Muslim (both native and foreign born) immigrant and refugee neighbors.”

The Diversity Advisory Board meets on the second Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in Council Chambers at City Hall. Meetings are open to the public. For more information, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/DAB or contact Alexis Ball, equity outreach coordinator, at 503-526-2503 or aball@BeavertonOregon.gov.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton is a welcoming and responsible city that enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. In 2015, Beaverton was recognized as one of the **safest cities** in the Pacific Northwest (according to CQ Press with cities more than 75,000). Recently, the city’s award-winning finance department received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** as well as the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors’ Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was named one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine. The city was named **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com*

and **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine. The city also received the **Recycler of the Year** award from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, named a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, received a **Silver Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists, and recognized as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Lastly, the city's nationally acclaimed visioning program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter and also received the prestigious **3CMA Award of Excellence**.

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