

RESOLUTION 1300

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, DECLARING THE CITY AS ONE OF WELCOMING

WHEREAS, the Gig Harbor City Council recognizes the strength and richness that diversity brings to our community, fostering a vibrant and inclusive environment; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Gig Harbor represent a myriad of cultures, backgrounds, and experiences, contributing to the tapestry that makes our city unique; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the City of Gig Harbor remains committed to fostering unity, understanding, and mutual respect among all its residents, irrespective of their race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, building a welcoming community enhances social cohesion, promotes economic growth, and creates a sense of belonging for everyone; and

WHEREAS, the City Gig Harbor recognizes the need for ongoing efforts to eliminate discrimination, bias, and prejudice within our community; and

WHEREAS, promoting a culture of inclusivity and understanding requires the collaboration of local government, businesses, community organizations, and residents alike;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor:

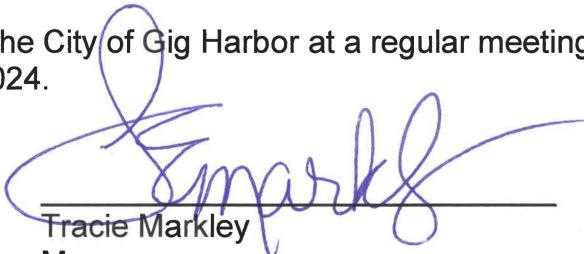
Section 1. The City Council of the City of Gig Harbor hereby proclaims that the City of Gig Harbor is a welcoming city that embraces diversity, promotes unity, and celebrates the richness of all its residents.

Section 2. The City Council of Gig Harbor hereby declares its commitment to being a welcoming city and encourages all Gig Harbor residents and visitors to share in this commitment by:

1. Promoting diversity and inclusion in all aspects of city life, including but not limited to education, employment, housing, and community engagement.
2. Encouraging and supporting initiatives that celebrate the cultural heritage and traditions of all residents.
3. Continuing to work towards eradicating discrimination and bias through education, awareness programs, and community partnerships.
4. Ensuring that city services and programs are accessible and equitable for all residents, regardless of their background.

5. Collaborating with local businesses to create inclusive and welcoming spaces for employees and customers.
6. Regularly assessing and addressing the needs and concerns of marginalized and underrepresented communities within Gig Harbor.
7. Fostering dialogue and understanding among residents through community events, forums, and initiatives that promote cross-cultural exchange.
8. Supporting policies that advance equity, and fairness within the city.
9. Encouraging resident engagement in the assessment and implementation of welcoming practices.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor at a regular meeting thereof, held this 22nd day of January, 2024.



Tracie Markley
Mayor

Attest:



Joshua Stecker, CMC
City Clerk