

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2017, Legislative Day No. 31

Resolution No. 22-17

Introduced by the Entire Council

By the County Council, June 5, 2017

1 RESOLUTION condemning messages and acts of racism and white supremacy and
2 supporting tolerance and diversity in Anne Arundel County

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4 WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution grants
5 freedom of speech to all persons, including groups and individuals spreading
6 hateful messages; and

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8 WHEREAS, recent events in Anne Arundel County, and in Maryland, have
9 shown that hateful messages and speech serve as a call to action for certain
10 individuals and groups to perform bold acts meant to induce fear and to commit
11 acts of violence; and

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13 WHEREAS, in our County and across the United States, these open and hateful
14 acts have permeated all aspects of life, including acts allegedly committed by
15 County government employees as well as acts of hate and violence occurring on
16 our public school and university campuses; and

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18 WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County has racially-diverse and vibrant multi-cultural
19 communities throughout the County that contribute greatly to the quality of life of
20 Anne Arundel citizens; and

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22 WHEREAS, members of the County Council hereby publicly state that Anne
23 Arundel County will not be a haven for those seeking to perform acts of hate and
24 violence but will foster a community of inclusiveness and safety for all people;
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27 WHEREAS, the County Council encourages implementation of programming and
28 educational initiatives in cooperation with the ~~County's Office of Human~~
29 ~~Relations and extends its full support to the County's new Compliance Officer,~~
30 ~~Angela Davis, Esq., in her~~ County Executive and executive staff in their efforts to
31 improve inclusion, understanding and diversity within County government and to
32 aid in ending racism and discrimination in our communities; now therefore be it

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34 *Resolved by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That it*
35 *denounces racism and acts of hate and urges all citizens to condemn these messages and*
36 *act as a conduit to end fear, racism, discrimination, and ethnic and religious intolerance in*
37 *Anne Arundel County and around the State; and be it further*


EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates amendments to resolution.
~~Strikeover~~ indicates matter stricken from resolution by amendment.

1 *Resolved*, That the County Council supports all efforts within County government and
2 in our communities to improve understanding, diversity, and tolerance of all peoples in
3 Anne Arundel County.

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED: June 5, 2017

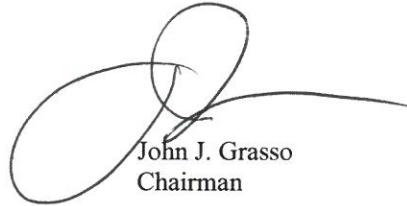
READ AND PASSED this 5th day of June, 2017

By Order:



JoAnne Gray
Administrative Officer

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT RESOLUTION NO. 22-17, AS AMENDED, IS TRUE AND CORRECT
AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.



John J. Grasso
Chairman