

RESOLUTION RE-AFFIRMING THE AMERICAN VALUES OF FREEDOM, EQUALITY, AND JUSTICE

Endorsed by Warren Mayor Jim Fouts and approved by the Warren City Council

WHEREAS, the City of Warren believes, as stated in the Declaration of Independence, that all people are created equal and we champion the inherent worth and dignity of every person. We assert that ultimately all people of the world belong to ONE HUMAN RACE. And we declare that the diversity of our world is a gift to be celebrated, honored, and protected, and

WHEREAS, the City of Warren believes that all deserve the opportunity to reach their full potential and that all should have equal opportunity for access to education, health care, housing, and employment. We also believe that it is not only our civic but also our moral responsibility to protect the right of all people to live, work, go to school, and worship freely within our cities without the threat of discrimination or harm as a result. And we pledge to work cooperatively in order to foster peace and build harmony, and

WHEREAS, the City of Warren is united in speaking out against any expression of prejudice, intimidation, hate, or violence that is aimed at hurting or excluding an individual, a family, or a group of people because of who they are. We are committed to nonviolent solutions to human suffering and injustice, and join together to work for economic well-being and justice for all, and

WHEREAS, let it be declared that the City of Warren believes that freedom, equality, and justice are core values of our City which need to be proclaimed, taught, and practiced in our homes, schools, and in daily lives for the health and quality of our community, and ultimately, our world.

NOW, THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the City of Warren City Council Stands together in support of freedom, equality and justice, and to speak out against prejudice, discrimination, and violence; works together for the betterment of our entire community; promotes nonviolence, justice, and respect for all; supports all local governments, police, schools, businesses, congregations, and non-profit organizations' efforts to protect the rights of all people and, supports the idea of community events to build bridges of understanding, relationships, and trust among people of different cultures and faith traditions.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED June 22, 2010.