



PROCLAMATION
Condemning Racism, Discrimination, Bigotry, Bias & Hate in Our Community

WHEREAS: Recently, an event took place in our community that neither represents nor reflects our values, nor those of our citizens. The City of Belfast will use that event as an opportunity to publicly resolve its condemnation of racism, discrimination, bigotry, bias, and hate in our community; and

WHEREAS: This proclamation will serve to reaffirm our community values of respect, inclusivity, civility and equity for all, and to urge every organization in our community to stand with us; and

WHEREAS: The City of Belfast is committed to a "quality of life for all" to ensure the safety, security and well-being of everyone, which will extend to all who live in, work in, do business in, or visit Belfast; and

WHEREAS: Racism, discrimination, bigotry, bias, and hate have no place in our society or in our community, and we must protect the rights of everyone, and thereby foster a community that is welcoming to all people regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Belfast City Council, along with its citizens, resolves the following:

1 The City of Belfast is a welcoming and safe community, and no person should be mistreated because of their race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other reason.

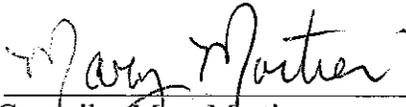
2 The City of Belfast strongly condemns all forms of racism, discrimination, bigotry, bias, and hate in our community.

3The City of Belfast stands steadfast in its commitment to foster an inclusive and civil environment where everyone in our community is treated with dignity and respect.

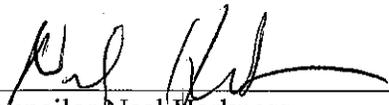
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 20 day of May, 2025.



Mayor Eric Sanders



Councilor Mary Mortier



Councilor Neal Harkness



Councilor Brenda Bonneville



Councilor Chris Bitely



Councilor Paul Dean