

# ~PROCLAMATION~

**WHEREAS**, reports of bullying, harassment, hate speech and violence have risen across the nation in past months; and

**WHEREAS**, history has repeatedly made clear that when people fail to act against intolerance, violence and hatred that silence becomes acquiescence and acceptance, breeding isolation, discouragement and fear; and

**WHEREAS**, history shows when people stand together for what is right, they build strong, diverse and inclusive communities where free speech is cherished and protected; and

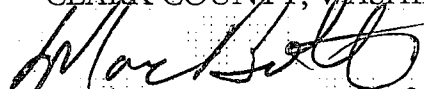
**WHEREAS**, civic and religious organizations nationwide can lead efforts to talk about community values and how to prevent hatred and violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the county's mission is to enhance the quality of life in our diverse community by providing services with integrity, openness and accountability and the county's vision is a safe community that includes and accepts all people.

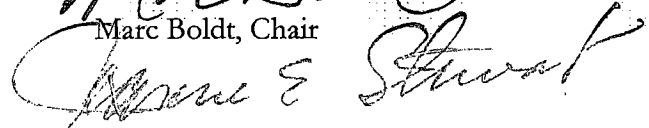
**NOW, THEREFORE**, this Board of County Councilors, in keeping with those values, hereby proclaims its unequivocal opposition to any manifestation of bullying, harassment, hatred, violence or prejudice against any individual or group, declares no quarter for hate – Not In Our County – and agrees to ensure Clark County is a safe, respectful community.

Signed this 22<sup>th</sup> of November 2016

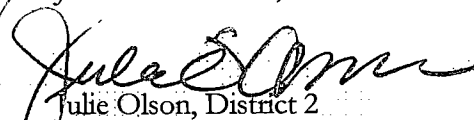
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