



Village of Cooperstown

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Resolution

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cooperstown concurs with the statements of President Biden and Governor Hochul in response to the terrorist attack on Israel by the Hamas government of Gaza on October 7, 2023.

We recognize that the precursors to this terrorism go back even before the independence of the State of Israel 75 years ago.

Nevertheless, directed vicious attacks and abuses of civilians violates all civilized rules of behavior and warfare. We decry the loss on both sides in this vicious war.

Cooperstown twice within the last 10 years, proclaimed resolutions regarding bigotry and hate. Nevertheless, we feel it necessary at this time to repeat the principles of those resolutions now.

Cooperstown has a tradition of confronting bigotry and hate in our community. In view of the recent events, nationally and internationally, we recommit to these principles most recently adopted in 2019.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cooperstown:

- (1) Condemns the use of violence, bigotry, and hateful rhetoric
- (2) Steadfastly confirms its dedication to the rights and dignity of all people
- (3) Denounces in the strongest terms the increase of hate speech, intimidations, violence, and hate crimes targeted against immigrants, refugees, people of diverse racial, ethnic, religious, and linguistic backgrounds, individuals with impairments, and those who are LGBTQ+
- (4) Recognizes that people of every background—irrespective of race, religious belief, national origin, language, gender identification, or impairment—have made countless positive contributions to our community
- (5) Declares that the civil rights and civil liberties of all people living in Cooperstown should be protected and preserved
- (6) Reaffirms the inalienable right of everyone in Cooperstown to live without fear and intimidation
- (7) Acknowledges that the Constitutions of the United States and State of New York fully support this resolution.

We all hope for a speedy resolution of this crisis, of the one in Ukraine, and others less well publicized, but also prevalent in the world.

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