## **RESOLUTION NO. 10, 2001**

WHEREAS, the City of Valparaiso, Indiana has been and continues to be an outstanding community in which to live, work and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, the residents of this community have in the past demonstrated a deep social conscience and willingness to respond to the needs of the community and individual members of the community in a variety of ways through a number of local organizations and not-for-profit groups;

WHEREAS, members of this community have experienced acts of intolerance against them; and

WHEREAS, the City considers acts of intolerance and bias against individual members of our community to be an attack on the community at-large;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Common Council of the City of Valparaiso as follows:

- (1) That such acts of intolerance and bias are unacceptable in the City of Valparaiso.
- (2) That we oppose any acts of hatred, lack of respect and violence towards any group or individual.
- (3) That the City will continue to take all appropriate steps to apprehend those who commit such acts and to see that they are appropriately punished.
- (4) That the City will participate with other groups and organizations in an attempt to prevent such acts from occurring in this community in the future.
- (5) As a part of the efforts of the City to prevent future acts of intolerance and bias, the City shall continue to support the Citizens to Promote Respect and any other groups or organizations in this community willing to participate in developing the appropriate measures to ensure such that actions do not occur in the future.
- (6) That the City of Valparaiso promotes the establishment of citywide programs to increase understanding of our residents of the various cultures and ethnic groups within our community.
- (7) That the City of Valparaiso desires to become a model for other communities and how to deal with problems of intolerance, bias and increasing diversity.

(4.5) 2001 by a (4.5) vote of all members present and voting.

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Sharon Swihart, Clerk-Treasurer