

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING SUPPORT OF A JUST
AND WELCOMING COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, in 2017 a St. Cloud City Council resolution (2017-11-197) cited the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the Equal Protection Clause which guarantees all persons the “equal protection of the laws”, affirming that St. Cloud welcomes “all residents without regard to age, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, race, ethnicity, religion, or country of origin” and thereby continuing its commitment to fostering “a community in which all people have the right to pursue life, liberty and happiness”; and

WHEREAS, furthermore recognizing that persons from a variety of backgrounds contribute to the local economy, participate in the workforce, and enhance civic life and cultural vitality serves to foster a sense of belonging and quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, St. Cloud’s commitment to promoting dignified and respectful treatment of residents and generating trust within the community is additionally supported by the 2005 Community Policing Agreement that was updated in 2018, which promotes public safety, fair and impartial policing, diversity, and official accountability; and

WHEREAS, upholding the principles of a welcoming community strengthens the social fabric of St. Cloud while harassing behavior by other community residents weakens it; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA:

- 1) That the City of St. Cloud reaffirms its existing commitments from 2005 (as updated) and 2017 to supporting a just and welcoming community.
- 2) That the City of St. Cloud acknowledges and expresses gratitude for the positive contributions that all residents make to the city.
- 3) That the City Council encourages all residents to engage in respectful dialogue with one another, to seek mutual understanding, and to avoid actions or language that undermine community unity.

Adopted this 26th day of January, 2026.