

**CITY OF SPOKANE VALLEY  
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 17-008**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE VALLEY, SPOKANE COUNTY,  
WASHINGTON, AFFIRMING THE CITY AS AN INCLUSIVE CITY WHERE ALL ARE  
WELCOME AND DISCRIMINATION IS NOT TOLERATED; AND OTHER MATTERS  
RELATED THERETO.**

WHEREAS, Article I, Section I of the Washington Constitution declares that “governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and are established to protect and maintain individual rights”; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature has established the “Washington Law Against Discrimination” pursuant to chapter 49.60 RCW; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 49.60.010, the Washington State Legislature finds and declares “practices of discrimination against any of its inhabitants because of race, creed, color, national origin, families with children, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability ... threatens not only the rights and proper privileges of its inhabitants but menaces the institutions and foundation of a free democratic state”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 49.60.030, the “right to be free from discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability is recognized as and declared to be a civil right of the people of this state”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City’s adopted Comprehensive Plan, it is the vision of the City and its citizens that the City of Spokane Valley is and continues to be “[a] community of opportunity where individuals and families can grow and play and businesses will flourish and prosper”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby declares its affirmation to support, uphold, and enforce all applicable laws within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to make clear that the City of Spokane Valley is a city that strives in all instances and through all actions to be an inclusive City, where discrimination of any form is not and shall not be tolerated, where laws apply equally to all citizens, and where all individuals, families, and businesses are welcome so that they may flourish and prosper within its boundaries.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Spokane Valley, Spokane County, Washington as follows:

**Section 1.**     Declaration of City Council. The City Council desires to make clear that the City of Spokane Valley is a city that strives in all instances and through all actions to be an inclusive City, where discrimination of any form is not and shall not be tolerated, where laws apply equally to all citizens, and where all individuals, families, and businesses are welcome so that they may flourish and prosper within its boundaries.

**Section 2.** Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

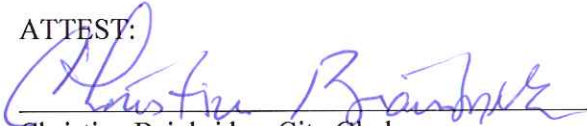
Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.

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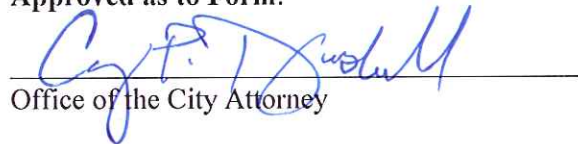


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L.R. Higgins, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Christine Bainbridge, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

  
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Office of the City Attorney