



RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04

A RESOLUTION PLEDGING TO JOIN COOK COUNTY TO UNITE AGAINST HATE

WHEREAS, the Palatine Library District seeks to continue to become more equitable, welcoming, and connected as part of the Cook County community; and

WHEREAS, the Palatine Library District is dedicated to protecting all residents from hate crimes and seeking an end to bigotry in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 Anti-Black hate crimes continue to be the largest bias incident victim category, with 2,871 incidents, a 49% increase since 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism revealed that anti-Asian hate crime in major US cities increased by 164% percent in the first quarter of 2021 compared to just one year before; and

WHEREAS, the FBI reported anti-Hispanic hate crimes rose 8.7% in 2019; and

WHEREAS, there has been a 9% increase in the number of civil rights complaints from Muslims in the United States since 2020; and

WHEREAS, Illinois residents saw a 350% increase in anti-Semitic incidents between 2016 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Human Rights Campaign reported that 2021 was the deadliest year on record for trans and gender-nonconforming people across the nation; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Justice, persons with disabilities comprised 26% of victims of all nonfatal crimes between 2017 and 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County United Against Hate campaign disrupts intolerance by providing a visual, verbal, and educational avenues to stand up against all forms of bigotry; and

WHEREAS, Cook County United Against Hate is an empowering, loving, and community spirited symbol to disrupt the symbols of discrimination that are too many to count; and

WHEREAS, Cook County United Against Hate is an impactful pledge to welcome all people regardless of their background or identity, and to support tolerance and justice; and

WHEREAS, the Palatine Library District's mission is to welcome everyone to access diverse materials, collaborative spaces, technology, programs, and services; and

WHEREAS, the Palatine Library District encourages residents to actively learn from those with lived different experiences, and to question hateful acts whenever seen or heard, and to educate themselves on how to safely interrupt hate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Palatine Library District adopts the Cook County United Against Hate pledge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Palatine Library District does hereby commit to fighting injustice and intolerance, and hereby joins with its community to welcome all people regardless of their race, religion, ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, class, or other backgrounds.

Adopted this 16th day of January, 2024.

Debby Brauer
President, Board of Library Trustees
Palatine Public Library District

ATTEST:

Maureen DeRosa
Secretary, Board of Library Trustees
Palatine Public Library District

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF COOK)

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Library Trustees of the Palatine Public Library District, Cook County, Illinois, and the keeper of the records thereof, do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of a Resolution entitled:

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adopted at a meeting at which a quorum was present of the said Board of Library Trustees held in compliance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act on the 16th day of January, 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of January, 2024.

Maureen DeRosa
Secretary, Board of Library Trustees
Palatine Public Library District