

CITY OF MONMOUTH, COUNTY OF POLK

STATE OF OREGON

Resolution Declaring the City of Monmouth)
an Inclusive City)

RESOLUTION NO. 1833

WHEREAS, the City of Monmouth is a diverse community, including diversity among its residents in race, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, age, sexual orientation, gender and gender identification, national origin or perceived national origin, immigrant and refugee status, veteran status and disability; and

WHEREAS, all members of the community who choose to live in Monmouth peacefully have the right to be treated fairly and to live their lives with dignity, free from discrimination or disparate treatment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monmouth recognizes that the best way to engage all members of our diverse community with local government is through trusting relationships built upon mutual respect and understanding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monmouth understands that a healthy city is one in which all members of the community have an equity-based opportunity to access city services, participate in the public process and feel safe and welcome in their community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monmouth is committed to being proactive in practicing equality in city practices and governance through its actions, processes and decisions; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Monmouth, elected officials recognize their duty to serve all members of the community, protect their basic human rights, and ensure their safety and well-being; and

WHEREAS, inclusion and integration of all residents of the City is a vital concern for the general welfare of the City in all respects; and

WHEREAS, discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, age, sexual orientation, gender and gender identification, national origin or perceived national origin, immigrant and refugee status, veteran status and disability is a fact of life for many people in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, discrimination leads to community disengagement, diminished opportunities for integration, increased stigmatization, greater incidents of health morbidity; and

WHEREAS, discrimination negatively impacts local economic activity; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of health, well-being, and general welfare are core obligations of the City; and

WHEREAS, prosperity requires harnessing all the City's available labor, skills, and ideas to grow the City's economy and expand opportunities;

WHEREAS, with regard to immigration status, in particular, under the United States constitution, the immigration power to exclude and deport is reserved exclusively to the national government; and

WHEREAS, the use of City funds, personnel and equipment for the enforcement of federal immigration law is prohibited in accordance with the provisions of state law, ORS 181A. 820;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONMOUTH:

Section 1. That the City of Monmouth is an Inclusive City that embraces, celebrates, and welcomes all people without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, age, sexual orientation, gender and gender identification, national origin or perceived national origin, immigrant and refugee status, veteran status or disability.

Section 2. That the City Council of the City of Monmouth is committed to standing together with the people of Monmouth in opposing acts of intolerance committed against community members.

Section 3. That the provision of services or benefits by the City shall not be conditioned upon any resident's federal immigration status, except as required by federal or State law, or upon their race, ethnicity, religion, socioeconomic status, age, sexual orientation, gender and gender identification, national origin or perceived national origin, veteran status or disability.

Adopted and approved by the City Council
and signed by the Mayor:
April 4, 2017.

Attest:

Steven V. Milligan, Mayor

Phyllis L. Bolman, City Recorder