

PROCLAMATION



Not In Our County

WHEREAS, bullying, harassment, hate speech and violence have become a daily occurrence and is increasing across the nation;

WHEREAS, history has tragically taught us that when people stand by and allow acts of intolerance, violence, and hatred to occur it is seen as acquiescence;

WHEREAS, people often feel isolated, without hope, and helpless to do anything individually to end violence;

WHEREAS, communities across the country, by standing together, have been successful in building strong, inclusive, diverse and tolerant communities while respecting each citizen's right to free speech;

WHEREAS, civic and religious organizations nationwide have led efforts to talk about their community values and learn to prevent hate activity if it comes to their town;

WHEREAS, a group of citizens, reacting to recent incidents of hate speech in our community, have organized to proclaim Not In Our Kittitas County,

WHEREAS, we, the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners in keeping with the principle of respect for all people, unequivocally oppose any manifestation of bullying, harassment, hatred and prejudice towards any group or individual;

NOW THEREFORE WE resolve to actively work to make Kittitas County a safe place, free of discrimination and hatred of any kind. We also resolve to promote a climate of safety, inclusion, and acceptance in our community.

DATED this ____ day of November, 2016.

THE KITITITAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Obie O'Brien, Chairman

Paul Jewell, Vice-Chairman

Laura Osiadacz, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk of the Board