

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-\_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POCATELLO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF IDAHO, REITERATING THE OCTOBER 2020 RESOLUTION THAT AFFIRMS THE CITY OF POCATELLO AS A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE CITY AND CENSURING CITY COUNCIL MEMBER ROGER BRAY FOR COMMENTS MADE DURING THE JULY 7, 2022 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT MEETING AND AFTER THE JULY 21, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

WHEREAS, Pocatello has long been a home to indigenous people, migrants, and immigrants; and has worked diligently to remain true to our heritage of welcoming everyone regardless of age, race, ethnicity or place of origin, gender identity, sexual orientation, immigration or refugee status, political ideology, economic status, or religious affiliations; and

WHEREAS, Pocatello's history and tradition are based around ethnic, cultural, racial and religious groups working together to build our community since its founding more than 130 years ago; and

WHEREAS, the Pocatello City Council and the City of Pocatello have a long record of acceptance, inclusion, and non-discriminatory actions and policies; and

WHEREAS, the Pocatello City Council, on behalf of the City employees and citizens of the community, reiterates the words and promise of our October 2020 Welcoming Resolution where the City of Pocatello pledges to welcome all individuals through statements and actions, knowing that discrimination or misunderstanding impedes the social and economic progress of a city by preventing all of our residents from fully contributing to the cultural, spiritual, social, and commercial life of our community; and

WHEREAS, the comments of Council Member Roger Bray made during the July 7, 2022 Budget Development Meeting and after the July 21, 2022 Regular City Council meeting do not demonstrate the values held by the citizens of Pocatello; and

WHEREAS, Council Member Bray's issued statements to the local media, defending his comments, further demonstrate a lack of sensitivity for the damage his words have done to our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POCA TELLO AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Pocatello City Council, on behalf of the citizens in our community, does hereby censure and condemn Council Member Roger Bray for his comments and his subsequent actions in defense of his comments.

2. The City of Pocatello recommits to ensuring our long-standing tradition of creating a vibrant, diverse community where all of our residents feel welcomed, safe, and able to fully participate in, and contribute to, our city's economic and social life.

3. The City of Pocatello reaffirms its values of inclusion, respect, and justice, and the City's commitment toward actions to reinforce these values. We must continue to cultivate a culture of harmony and inclusion.

RESOLVED this 4th day of August, 2022.

CITY OF POCA TELLO, a municipal  
corporation of Idaho

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BRIAN C. BLAD, Mayor

ATTEST:

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KONNI KENDELL, City Clerk