



## **PROCLAMATION**

### **Condemning Beliefs and Acts of Hate and Violence Against All People**

**WHEREAS**, our Nation continues to see acts of violence and hate through physical harm and damage to property based on racial bias, religious preference, or difference in appearance, as well as damage to our communities through destructive protest; and,

**WHEREAS**, while Sugarcreek Township remains a community free of such despicable acts, this Board of Trustees is acutely aware that they are becoming more prevalent in our Nation; and,

**WHEREAS**, Sugarcreek Township is home to people of many cultural and ethnic backgrounds who live in peace with each other every day; and,

**WHEREAS**, this Nation was founded on a belief and principle that all people are created equal; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is quoted as saying that, "Men often hate each other because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they can not communicate; they can not communicate because they are separated"; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dr. King further stated at his speech at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in 1957, "Men must see that force begets force, hate begets hate, toughness begets toughness. And it is all a descending spiral, ultimately ending in destruction for all and everybody. Somebody must have sense enough and morality enough to cut off the chain of hate and the chain of evil in the universe."; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Board of Township Proclaims its condemnation of beliefs and acts of hate and violence against all people.

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, this Board of Trustees encourages our citizens to embrace the words and direction of Dr. King by communicating and learning to live to with each other by ending the separation between each other based on our differences.

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Carolyn L. Destefani, Chairperson

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