

RESOLUTION NO. 38-17

AFFIRMING THE VILLAGE OF CHATHAM'S SUPPORT OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND OPPOSITION TO VIOLENCE, RACISM, AND DISCRIMINATION

Whereas, The events that took place on August 12, 2017, in Charlottesville, Virginia provide a reminder that hatred and bigotry continue to exist in our country; and

Whereas, The Declaration of Independence of the United States of America declared, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness"; and

Whereas, The Constitution of the United States of America seeks to provide a more perfect union, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity; and

Whereas; The Constitution of the State of Illinois further seeks to provide for the elimination of inequalities, assure legal and social justice, provide for the opportunity for the fullest development of the individual, and insure domestic tranquility to secure the blessings of freedom and liberty to ourselves and our posterity; and

Whereas, The promotion of Nazism, racism, white supremacy, or hate speech in any form is an attack on the rights that we, as Americans, cherish and for which millions of Americans have fought and died for; and

Whereas, Free speech is a core value of the American people, but groups that promote agendas that are unequivocally in conflict with our nation's founding principles of liberty and justice for all, that seek to ignite social animosity, reverse improvements in race relations, divide the nation, or create hatred, classism, or ethnic eradication have no place in civil discourse; and

Whereas, it is right and appropriate that corporate authorities of the Village of Chatham condemn actions of violence, racism, and discrimination; and

Whereas, the Village of Chatham mourns with the Commonwealth of Virginia, the loss of lives of Heather Heyer, Lieutenant H. Jay Cullen, and Trooper Berke M. M. Bates; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. That the Village President and Board condemn those who seek to spread hate and division and denounce acts of violence, racism, discrimination, hatred and bigotry that seek to terrorize members of ethnic or religious communities; and

Section 2. That the Village of Chatham will continue to encourage all to celebrate the diversity of our community, our state, and our nation; and

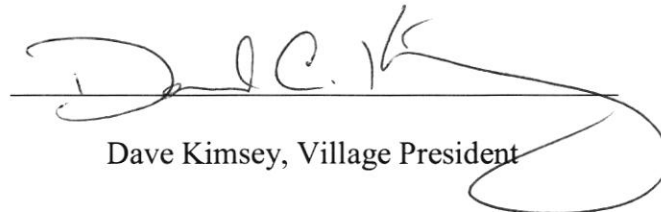
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

Section 1. That this Resolution is transmitted to the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Illinois, and will be publicly displayed to the citizens of the Village of Chatham.

SO RESOLVED this 22 day of August, 2017 at Chatham, Sangamon County, Illinois.

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
TERRY FOUNTAIN	X			X
BRETT GERGER	X			X
NINA LINDHORST	X			X
RYAN MANN	X			X
MATTHEW MAU			X	
PAUL SCHERSCHEL	X			X
DAVE KIMSEY				X
TOTAL	5	0	1	6

APPROVED by the President of the Village of Chatham, Illinois this 22 day of August, 2017.


Dave Kimsey, Village President