

City of Kenmore, Washington

Safe Place Program Adoption

March 2021

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, victims of hate crimes are often fearful to report these crimes to authorities, allowing suspects to continue their unlawful and threatening behavior,

WHEREAS, hate crime laws in Washington State protect community members from crimes in which they are targeted due to their race, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, or mental, physical, or sensory disability,

WHEREAS, members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) community in particular have historically under-reported hate crimes that occur to them,

WHEREAS, race-based hate crimes continue to persist, including an increasing number of hate crimes directed towards members of the Asian-American community in our nation over the past year, driven by false narratives and xenophobia surrounding the pandemic,

WHEREAS, the development of a partnership with businesses and community groups can serve a critical role in assisting victims of hate crimes,

WHEREAS, Kenmore strives to provide a welcoming, inclusive community where all feel safe from bias-motivated crimes,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Baker, Mayor of the City of Kenmore, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim that the City of Kenmore is hereby a proud member of the Safe Place Program.

Let us support our community by providing locations where persons can seek out a safe place to call 911 and wait for police to arrive. While Kenmore remains a highly safe community with low rates of crime, including hate crimes, it is our intent to be welcoming and supportive of all within our city.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, signed this 22nd day of March 2021.



Signed:

Mayor David Baker

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Attested:

City Clerk Anastasiya Warhol