

**VILLAGE OF KENILWORTH
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11**

RESOLUTION PLEDGING TO JOIN COOK COUNTY TO UNITE AGAINST HATE

WHEREAS, the Village of Kenilworth (“Village”) seeks to continue to become more equitable, welcoming, and connected as part of the Cook County community; and

WHEREAS, the Village is dedicated to protecting all residents from hate crimes and seeking an end to bigotry in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, the Village supports efforts towards social justice; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 Anti-Black hate crimes continue to be the largest bias incident victim category, with 2,871 incidents, a 49% increase since 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism revealed that anti-Asian hate crime in major US cities increased by 164% percent in the first quarter of 2021 compared to just one year before; and

WHEREAS, the FBI reported anti-Hispanic hate crimes rose 8.7% in 2019; and

WHEREAS, there has been a 9% increase in the number of civil rights complaints from Muslims in the United States since 2020; and

WHEREAS, Illinois residents saw a 350% increase in anti-Semitic incidents between 2016 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Human Rights Campaign reported that 2021 was the deadliest year on record for trans and gender-nonconforming people across the nation; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Justice, persons with disabilities comprised 26% of victims of all nonfatal crimes between 2017 and 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Cook County United Against Hate campaign disrupts intolerance by providing a visual, verbal, and educational avenues to stand up against all forms of bigotry; and

WHEREAS, Cook County United Against Hate is an empowering, loving, and community-spirited symbol to disrupt the symbols of discrimination that are too many to count; and

WHEREAS, Cook County United Against Hate is an impactful pledge to welcome all people regardless of their background or identity, and to support tolerance and justice; and

WHEREAS, Cook County United Against Hate is a personal choice to become educated on the legacies of systemic bigotry and how to be actively anti-hate; and

WHEREAS, the Village encourages residents to actively learn from those with lived different experiences, and to question hateful acts whenever seen or heard, and to educate themselves on how to safely interrupt hate; and

WHEREAS, the Village encourages residents to post the "Cook County United Against Hate" beacon on homes, cars, storefronts, office doors, and online so all can recognize it and know that all are welcome, and hate has no home here; and

WHEREAS, the Village encourages its residents to take the pledge to unite against prejudice and to support tolerance and justice; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the President and Board of Trustees of the Village adopts the Cook County United Against Hate pledge; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village does hereby commit to fighting injustice and intolerance, and hereby joins with its community to welcome all people regardless of their race, religion, ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, class, or other backgrounds.

Passed this 20th day of April, 2026.

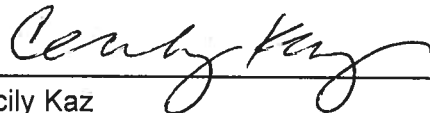
AYES: Ransford, Ottsen, Hannus, Gottschall, Lojkovic, Vitu

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

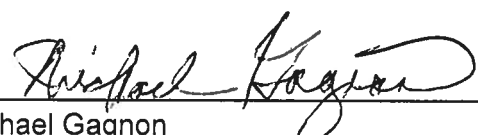
ABSTAIN: None

Approved this 20th day of April, 2026.



Cecily Kaz
Village President

Attest:



Michael Gagnon
Village Clerk