## Town Council of Freeport, Maine A Proclamation in Support of Inclusion, Social Justice, And Non-discrimination in the Town of Freeport

Whereas it is imperative to the Town of Freeport, Maine's goals that we are a welcoming and inclusive community to all who seek to live, work, play, and thrive peaceably within our boundaries; and

Whereas the residents of Freeport welcome and embrace people from all races, creeds, and orientations, and believes we are stronger as a society when we enthusiastically do so; and

Whereas the Town of Freeport is committed to building trust amongst all its residents, including continued work and collaboration to insure inclusion and welcome diversity; and

Whereas the Municipal Departments of the Town of Freeport will uphold and advance the goals of social justice and that all members of the community have the right to live peacefully, raise their families, and seek economic and academic opportunities free of discrimination.

## Now Therefore

The Freeport Town Council, on behalf of the Town of Freeport, Maine, do hereby resolve:

All Freeport residents, visitors, and guests, regardless of race, color, ethnicity, or gender identity are entitled to be treated with compassion, dedication, and equality in the pursuit of a peaceful life; and

In the strongest terms possible, hatred and bigotry, overt and subtle, will not be tolerated by the Town of Freeport or it's officials or employees in any form; and

The Town of Freeport commits to ensure its employees are trained in both implicit and explicit bias against any population and to ensure that the ideals of fairness and equality are upheld.

Signed this 1<sup>ST</sup> day of February, 2022 by the Town of Freeport Council: