

Resolution No. R-30-2022
Adopted: November 15, 2022

A Resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of Kensington condemning hate and violence and declaring the Town of Kensington as a safe and welcoming community for people of all backgrounds regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or political affiliation.

Whereas, there has been a disturbing rise in bias incidents, antisemitism, hate speech, and hate violence across the country, the state, and our local community; and

Whereas, on August 7, 2022, hateful anti-Black fliers with razor blades were found affixed to playground equipment and a utility box in St. Paul Park; and

Whereas, other racist and antisemitic incidents have occurred in recent months in nearby public places, parks, and places of worship, including swastikas and racist graffiti in Ken-Gar Palisades Park, the Garrett Park Train Station, and antisemitic harassment at Temple Emanuel; and

Whereas, such acts represent an attack on basic principles of respect, pluralism, and democracy and are meant to undermine safety and community belonging; and

Whereas, the Town of Kensington condemns all such acts of hate and aggression and declares that they will not be tolerated in our community; and

Whereas, the Town of Kensington reaffirms our commitment to ensuring that all people of our community, including visitors to the Town, feel safe and respected.

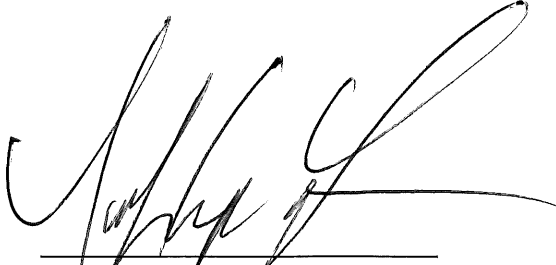
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Town of Kensington is committed to working with other municipalities, Montgomery County, the State of Maryland, law enforcement, community organizations and local residents to end the spread of hate, bigotry, and harassment to create a welcoming and safe community for all.

Adopted by the Town Council this 15th day of November, 2022.

Effective this 15th day of November, 2022.

ATTEST: TOWN OF KENSINGTON, MARYLAND

By: 
Susan C. Engels, Clerk – Treasurer


Tracey C. Furman, Mayor