PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Issaquah City Council passed Resolution No. 2002-09 in April 2002, urging Issaquah city officials and staff, the Issaquah School District, and all citizens to work to reduce intolerance towards others of different backgrounds or beliefs; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of the recent contentious national election, the City Council wishes to reaffirm our core City principles and values; and

WHEREAS, as your City government, our job is to bring people together and to be welcoming of all people and all ideas, with the belief that we truly are smarter and stronger when we join together; and

WHEREAS, it is especially critical at this time to reaffirm our stand against intolerance of another’s race, sex, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, the City pledges to foster a community that condemns all discrimination and racism, and proclaims our City a Hate Free Zone; and

WHEREAS, as City leaders, we also demand that our national, state, and regional leaders uphold these same values.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Issaquah, do hereby proclaim December 5, 2016, to be

TOLERANCE AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Issaquah and encourage all citizens to be mindful, tolerant and accepting of others today and everyday throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the City of Issaquah this 5th day of December, 2016.

Fred Butler, Mayor

Stacy Goodman, Council President