



Presented by: Council Member O'Brien
Date: January 14, 1997
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL

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RESOLUTION #97-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL DENOUNCING ALL FORMS OF RACISM AND HATRED.

WHEREAS, Recently a hateful message was left on the door of one of Bethel's Jewish families. The note read, "Hitler had the right idea!" and was followed by a swastika and other derogatory, anti-Semitic remarks, and

WHEREAS, This letter is not simply a message of hate. Rather, it is a direct threat of violence. Twelve million people, many of whom were not Jewish, were exterminated under Hitler's rule, and

WHEREAS, While this outrage strikes directly at Jews, it is an offense against all of us who believe in racial, religious, and ethnic harmony.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council denounces all forms of racism and hatred. We will not accept any actions which threaten the personal safety, religious freedom, or cultural heritage of any of our neighbors. Together we stand up to condemn the hatred which makes itself known through this cowardly action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Bethel welcomes and embraces ethnic diversity, and celebrates the cultural differences among our citizens.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1997.

Ruth M. Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:

K.J. Tanner, City Clerk