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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 16-466

IN THE MATTER OF STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLE )  
OF ALL RACES, ETHNICITIES, RELIGIONS, GENDERS, AND  
SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS AND ADAMANTLY OPPOSE ALL ACTS  
OF HATE CRIME AND HATE SPEECH )

**WHEREAS**, According to the 2015 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Uniform Crime Report, there has been a surge in hate crimes nationwide from 2014 to 2015 with a 67 percent increase in hate crimes against Muslims and a 7 percent increase in hate crimes overall. Locally, Sikhs have been targeted in numerous hate crime incidents, as well. In light of a recent threatening letter sent to the Fresno Islamic Cultural Center, it's imperative that Fresno County reaffirm its resolve to have zero tolerance for all acts of hate crime and hate speech; and

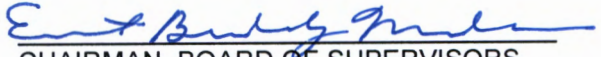
**WHEREAS**, It's Fresno County's rich diversity that allows its residents to thrive in a diverse socioeconomic environment. As one nation under God, all residents are equals and deserve to be treated as such; and

**WHEREAS**, The Offices of the Fresno County Sheriff and District Attorney consider hate crimes to be criminal offenses and work to arrest and prosecute offenders to the full extent of the law. The Offices are committed to working tirelessly, in coordination with other law enforcement agencies such as the Fresno Police Department and the FBI, to arrest and prosecute these offenders.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby stand in solidarity with people of all races, ethnicities, religions, genders, and sexual orientations and adamantly oppose all acts of hate crime and hate speech.

**Adopted by the Fresno County Board of Supervisors this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016, by the following vote, to wit:**

AYES: Supervisors Borgeas, Mendes, Pacheco, Perea, Poochigian  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

  
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:  
BERNICE E. SEIDEL, Clerk  
Board of Supervisors

By Susan Bishop  
Deputy