

Greater West Chester Code of Community Values

Resolution and Pledge

August 21, 2016

Whereas, the people of Greater West Chester value safety and security; we agree to come together when incidents happen that may be a result of hatred or discrimination based on race, color, national and ethnic origin, citizenship status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, disability, age, and economic status.

Whereas, the community of West Chester values equality not just through policy and protocol but in how we treat each other in our daily lives; we agree to address issues of concern brought to our attention.

Whereas, there have been recent events in a local park, our schools, and the nation that express threats and imply hatred against African American citizens who are members of this community.

Whereas, respect for each other is the foundation of the growth and stability of Greater West Chester; we agree to pursue opportunities to ensure residents and visitors alike feel both safe and welcome. We affirm the dignity of all people.

Whereas, the Community of Greater West Chester thrives because of the collective power of our diversity with regard to race, ethnicity, faiths, business leaders, non-profit organizations, and universities; we agree to come together in times of both celebration and adversity.

Whereas, we the citizens, community leaders, school leadership and other officials of Greater West Chester have come together to make a public declaration of the values we honor and the behaviors to which we object.

Resolved, as people of good will, we will not tolerate hateful speech or actions toward any individual or group in our community. We know that when one of us suffers, we all suffer and the vibrancy of our community is diminished. We are united in that understanding.

The community of West Chester designates this Greater West Chester Code of Community Values Resolution and Pledge to be a living document, subject to change as the needs of our community evolves; we agree to review this document annually and as need arise.

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*(Citizens can show support by placing your signature on the back of this Resolution and Pledge.)*

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**Terms of Working Collaborative:**

This pledge will be reviewed by the community within a month of the one-year anniversary of signing in the month of August and chaired by the Mayor of West Chester and representatives from the West Chester NAACP.

This Community Pledge is supported on this ***21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2016***, by the signatures of the parties and witnesses below:

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Title/Organization if Applicable:

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