

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the residents of Mulberry live in a multicultural community of people from many places across the country and across the globe; and

WHEREAS, the civic leaders of the greater Mulberry community are committed to recognizing the dignity of all of Mulberry's residents and the diverse contributions of both immigrants and native born individuals, understanding that invidious discrimination negatively impacts local economic activity as well as the health and well-being of the community at large; and

WHEREAS, building a reputation for the treatment of individuals with dignity, compassion and respect, regardless of race, ethnicity, place of origin, or citizenship status will enhance and develop Mulberry's cultural fabric, foster economic growth, and increase overall prosperity for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Mulberry aspires to be a welcoming place where people, families and institutions thrive and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued; and

WHEREAS, Mulberry is committed to ensuring a welcoming and neighborly community atmosphere, where all people, are welcomed, accepted and encouraged to participate fully in commercial, cultural and civic life; and

WHEREAS, the inflammatory politics of division, isolation, and hate are contrary to the inclusive ideals of compassion, acceptance and respect; and,

WHEREAS, it is universally accepted that all people deserve assurances of the basic principles of comity, equity and human rights, such as those assurances enshrined in the Constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights and the Florida Constitution; and

WHEREAS, efforts promoting inclusivity, understanding and collaboration across cultures help create and promote a welcoming and thriving civic environment and help generate opportunities for persons to learn about and appreciate unique individual perspectives as well as collective commonalities and experiences; and

WHEREAS, business leaders, civic groups, government agencies, community institutions and all local residents should be encouraged to join in the community-wide effort to expand prosperity, integration and inclusion for all of Mulberry's residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Mulberry, I hereby proclaim that the elected officials of Mulberry stand with our community in supporting the principles of fairness, innate dignity, and acceptance; that these core principles commit us to promoting a peaceful discourse with all members of our community; and that we, collectively, reject the politics of division and isolation that fan anger or hate against persons and groups based upon immutable characteristics.

DATED at Mulberry, Florida this 6th day of August, 2019.

Attest: _____
Mayor, George H. Hatch