



Resolution 38-2021

Date: April 21, 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, DENOUNCING THREATS OF VIOLENCE AND AFFIRMING EQUAL PROTECTION FOR ALL CITIZENS.

WHEREAS, every elected official serving Grand Traverse County swears an oath to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, while free speech is a fundamental right in a free society, and is protected by both the 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and by the Michigan Constitution, and entitles every individual to express their opinions in public, the issuance of threats is both illegal and unacceptable, and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge our community including our County staff has endured more than a year of an unprecedented time of global pandemic and economic distress; and further acknowledge that in times of stress, changes, or challenges, there is extra need for patience, civility and support of one another as neighbors and fellow Americans who have come through every other crisis our nation has faced, and

WHEREAS, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners absolutely and unequivocally denounces, condemns, and rejects intimidation, threats, and calls for violence or the unlawful abridgment of rights, liberties, privileges, or immunities, directed at any County employee for any reason whatsoever; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners wish to affirm their constitutional responsibility to treat every Grand Traverse County employee and every citizen of Grand Traverse County fairly and as equals in the eyes the law; and

WHEREAS, in light of current events, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners wish to confirm and state with emphasis that all of these rights of protection, and due process of the law, fully extend to all Grand Traverse County Departments and all County employees; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners wish to express their appreciation and thanks to the personnel of Grand Traverse County for their continued professionalism and outstanding work in serving ALL citizens of Grand Traverse County to the extent possible.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS: The Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners hereby denounces threats of violence and affirms its support for its employees, and for equal protection for all citizens of Grand Traverse County.