



## Not In Our Town Proclamation

Whereas hate violence has become a daily occurrence and is increasing at epidemic rates across the nation;

Whereas history has tragically taught us what happens when people stand by and allow acts of violence and hatred to occur;

Whereas people often feel isolated, without hope, and helpless to do anything individually to end hate violence;

Whereas the people of Billings, Montana, by standing together, were successful in opposing racist and anti-Semitic hate acts committed against their neighbors;

Whereas the story of Billings and other towns saying "no" to hate is told in the documentary specials **Not in Our Town** and **Not in Our Town II**;

Whereas civic and religious organizations nationwide have used **Not In Our Town** resources to talk about whether their communities are vulnerable to a climate of hate and learn to prevent hate activity if it comes to their town.

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the City Council of the City of Whitefish, Montana, in keeping with the principle of equal civil rights for all, unequivocally oppose any manifestation of hatred and prejudice towards any group or individual.

We hereby proclaim Saturday, July 13, 2002, as **Not In Our Town Day**.

We resolve to stand together with all people of good faith across the country and support this national effort to push back the rising tide of hate violence and to join thousand of others to say with one voice, "**Not In Our Town, Not In Our Nation**".

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2002

  
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Mayor Andy Feury