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Resolution by the Salem City Council Affirming Support for Our Most Vulnerable Residents and Condemning Remarks by Congressman Moulton

Whereas the Salem City Council stands firmly in support of protecting all vulnerable residents, including women, LGBTQ+ individuals, immigrants, and racial and ethnic minorities, especially when national rhetoric or policies threaten to marginalize them; and

Whereas recent comments by Congressman Seth Moulton disparaged our trans youth, contributing to a climate of fear and discrimination, particularly affecting LGBTQ+ youth; such harmful remarks perpetuate stereotypes that undermine Salem's values of inclusion, respect, and equality; and

Whereas every Salem resident deserves the freedom to express themselves and participate fully in life without fear of discrimination; we, the Salem City Council, remain dedicated to fostering an inclusive, welcoming environment for all residents, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, immigration status, or background; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Salem City Council unequivocally condemns Congressman Moulton's statements, reaffirms its commitment to protecting all residents, and pledges to continue standing as a beacon of inclusivity and fairness, supporting a future where every Salemite is treated with dignity and respect, regardless of national rhetoric.

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Whereas the Salem City Council stands firmly in support of protecting all vulnerable residents, including women, LGBTQ+ individuals, immigrants, and racial and ethnic minorities, especially when national rhetoric or policies threaten to marginalize them; and

Whereas harmful remarks and divisive rhetoric from any source can contribute to a climate of fear and discrimination, particularly affecting LGBTQ+ youth and other marginalized groups; such statements perpetuate stereotypes that undermine Salem's values of inclusion, respect, and equality; and

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