Item 2025-R-002

Requested by: JP Beth Coger
Drafted by: JP Beth Coger

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION BY THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS, DECLARING WASHINGTON COUNTY AS A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY FOR ALL

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Washington County, Arkansas affirms the fundamental principle that all individuals are created equal and endowed with unalienable rights, including Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness; and

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court of Washington County, Arkansas recognizes the inherent dignity of every person and upholds the rights of all individuals —including immigrants, refugees, and LGTBQ+ persons—to fully participate in and contribute to our community; and

WHEREAS, we believe that every member of our community deserves to feel safe in their homes, schools, workplaces, and public spaces, and we affirm this commitment through this Resolution with the goal of making it a reality; and

WHEREAS, Washington County, Arkansas is committed to fostering an environment where every resident feels safe and respected in their homes, schools, workplaces, and public spaces, and this resolution serves as a formal affirmation of that commitment and that we want Washington County, Arkansas to be known as a welcoming community; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the supremacy clause of the US Constitution, Washington County, Arkansas will not act in contradiction to any federal law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

ARTICLE 1. That the Quorum Court of Washington County, Arkansas declares and affirms Washington County's commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive community where all residents can live free from discrimination, harassment, or fear.

ARTICLE 2. That the Quorum Court of Washington County, Arkansas affirms that Washington County will continue to promote policies and programs that embrace diversity, strengthen community bonds, and support the contributions of all populations.

ARTICLE 3. That the Quorum Court of Washington County, Arkansas affirms that Washington County, Arkansas upholds the principles of human dignity and equality by ensuring all residents can access county services and live without fear of discrimination or persecution.

ARTICLE 4. That the Quorum Court of Washington County, Arkansas wants Washington County to be known as a welcoming place and we commit to ensuring all residents feel safe reporting crimes, accessing emergency services, and seeking county services.

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PATRICK W. DEAKINS, County Judge DATE

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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Introduced by:
Date of Adoption:
Members Voting For:
Members Voting Against:
Members Abstaining:
Members Absent:

Committee History:
Quorum Court History: