

RESOLUTION NO. 7676

***Resolution Denouncing the Display of Hate Symbols on Public Property
in the City of Red Wing***

WHEREAS, the City of Red Wing's mission is to create a sustainable, healthy, accessible, resilient, and equitable community where every person feels at home; and

WHEREAS, the City of Red Wing values the First Amendment and the crucial right for people to express themselves, and the City also desires our parks, green spaces, public buildings, and all public spaces to be areas that are welcoming to all and free from fear, intimidation, and oppression; and

WHEREAS, the City of Red Wing acknowledges that pockets of white supremacy exist throughout society, including here in our state and our city; and

WHEREAS, symbols of hate include the Confederate flag, neo-Nazi imagery, and other symbols of white supremacy; and

WHEREAS hate symbols around the country have proven to elicit fear and create pain for many people, especially those in vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, Red Wing has experienced first-hand the divisiveness of hate symbols in our community and wishes to engage in discussions, learning, and healing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Red Wing, Minnesota, that the City Council denounces the display of hate symbols on public property in the City of Red Wing, except in cases of specific historical, educational events or materials.

Adopted by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Becky Norton, Council President

Attest:

Teri L. Swanson, MCMC, City Clerk

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Presented to the Mayor at _____ .m. on this _____ th day of _____, 2021.

Approved this _____ th day of _____, 2021.

Michael Wilson, Mayor