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A RESOLUTION TO REAFFIRM THE GREENBELT COMMUNITY PLEDGE

WHEREAS, the 42nd Greenbelt City Council was elected on November 7th and sworn in on November 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, we declare our commitment to our country's founding principles of freedom and equality and we affirm our intention to respect, protect, and defend the liberty and equality of all our residents; and

WHEREAS, Greenbelt is celebrating its 80th Anniversary in 2017; and

WHEREAS, in 1937 the Federal Government instituted policies & practices intended to foster a community tolerant of ethnic and religious diversity; and

WHEREAS, the City's 80th Anniversary provides an opportunity to reflect on the past and to carry forward best practices and policies to the future; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 the City Council adopted the Community Pledge, drafted by the Community Relations Advisory Board, to reflect the City's commitment to the human rights and well-being of all of its residents, workers, and visitors. NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the 42nd Greenbelt City Council reaffirms the Greenbelt Community Pledge:

"The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate people of many cultures, faiths, and races living together. By sharing together all are enriched. We pledge to foster a community which is respectful, safe, and fair for all people."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by way of this reaffirmation, the City will strive to honor the spirit and letter of the Community Pledge by way of its policies and practices, so that all

residents, workers, and visitors to our City may enjoy the freedom, safety, and benefits of Greenbelt without fear, discrimination, or violence.

Emmett V. Jordan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk