



A PROCLAMATION REGARDING COMMUNITY VALUES AND AFFIRMATIONS

WHEREAS, *Winters is a community committed to creating an environment where **inclusion and diversity** matter, bringing a richness to the lives of all who live, do business and visit our town;*

WHEREAS, *Our community is **safe**. We are multigenerational and multi-cultural, embracing our history, heritage, differences and the common grounds we share. Winters is a community which knows and looks out for each other. Our residents protect each others' rights;*

WHEREAS, *Winters is a town which actively solicits the **input and engagement** of our residents because we know it makes our community stronger. The ability to talk in civil tones, be hard on the issues and soft on the people is a critical part of citizen involvement. Engagement which is interest based and constructive has helped build Winters into a thriving community;*

WHEREAS, ***Collaboration** is an important value in Winters, enabling diverse interests to produce incredible results which make a difference in the lives of our residents;*

WHEREAS, *Our community, through education and outreach works to "**cultivate and inspire**" all persons to grow. The agricultural heritage of Winters serves as an essential foundation for encouraging persons of all demographics and orientations to work collectively to improve themselves and the community as a whole;*

WHEREAS, *Winters is a community where we stand against violence of all types including hate, theft, physical and sexual assault. Our community believes that people's constitutional rights are important;*

WHEREAS, *Winters is a community which works for the benefit of ALL persons regardless of socio-economic status, religion, ethnic or national background, sexual or gender identity, clothing choices or language spoken. **Winters is Winters** because we are a place where **people are welcome and accepted**.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City Council of the City of Winters that these are the values of our community: Inclusion of All, Acceptance of Diversity, and the Promotion of Safety, Community Engagement, Collaboration, and Personal and Community Growth and Improvement.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

Mayor Wade Cowan

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Biasi

Council Member Harold Anderson

Council Member Jesse Loren

Council Member Pierre Neu

City Manager John W. Donlevy, Jr.

ATTEST: Nanci G. Mills, City Clerk