

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT BEING A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

Whereas, the Garrison Union Free School District pledges to be a welcoming community for all. It supports and serves the students and families of Garrison and Putnam Valley regardless of their background; and

Whereas, we commit to helping promote our core American value that no one should be targeted because of their racial, ethnic, immigration or refugee status, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or other social identities; and

Whereas, as public servants we have an even greater responsibility to speak out against discrimination, xenophobia, and hatred because when the unacceptable becomes the norm in our society, human rights for all are threatened; and

Whereas, we recognize that at every level of American society, people of all backgrounds contribute to our democracy, culture and economy and we will work to inspire a positive perception of all people and engage individuals to help build a greater capacity for understanding others.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Garrison Union Free School District, County of Putnam, State of New York, that the Garrison Union Free School District pledges to be a place that respects our differences and believes that diverse perspectives create better outcomes, and agrees to support and serve all of its residents and families regardless of their background; and

Further, encourages all staff and students of the Garrison Union Free School District to uphold this pledge.

Adopted by the Board of Education 09/04/2019