



Legislation Text

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**CITY COUNCIL OF THE
City of Annapolis**

Resolution 27-17

Introduced by: Mayor Pantelides

A RESOLUTION concerning

Hate Free Zone

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WHEREAS, in order to avoid replication of the recent events in Charlottesville, Virginia, the Mayor and City Council hereby stand against and condemn hate groups operating within the United States, including white supremacists, neo-Nazis and the KKK, and urge all City residents to do the same; and

WHEREAS, the City of Annapolis is a city of diversity with many races, ethnic groups, religious groups, and cultures where all people are free to participate in our society regardless of such differences and where there should be no bigotry or antagonism towards any group based on race, creed, religion, country of origin, or socio-economic status.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that Annapolis is hereby declared a HATE FREE ZONE and all City officials shall restrict rallies, marches, and/or public forums on City property that relate to hate and hate matters, as a matter of public safety and to the extent that the Constitutions and laws of

the United States, the State of Maryland and the laws of the City of Annapolis are not violated.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that this resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage.

EXPLANATION

CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law.

~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments.