

## Barnstable County Human Rights Advisory Commission Post Office Box 427 Barnstable, Massachusetts 02630 508-375-6611

The Barnstable County Human Rights Advisory Commission (BCHRAC) is deeply concerned about hateful and intolerant acts in our local area, which negatively affect the health of our community. We must work together to ensure that individual rights and freedoms are publicly protected to re-affirm that Barnstable County should be a safe and welcoming place for all.

This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This declaration, the foundation for freedom, peace and justice around the world, reminds us that all human beings are equal in dignity and rights.

We stand against hate and intolerance. We stand against the racist and homophobic graffiti recently sighted in our communities. We stand against the violence outlined in the indictment of a White teenager attempting to drown a Black teenager. We stand against the intolerance and hateful language incited at recent protests against temporary migrant housing. And, in this season of high Jewish holidays, we stand against the growing number of antisemitic incidents in our communities.

Instead, we stand in support of all members of our community and their rights.

The Mission of the BCHRAC is to uphold, promote and protect the inherent dignity and inalienable rights of individuals in Barnstable County.

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