

RESOLUTION NO. A-\_\_\_\_\_

1 WHEREAS, the events of September 11, 2001 have affected all Americans; and

2 WHEREAS, it has particularly affected Arab and Muslim individuals, among others; and

3 WHEREAS, the City of Lincoln has a responsibility to maintain peace, protect the public health  
4 and safety, and legislate appropriately; and

5 WHEREAS, this country was founded on the principal that all people are created equal; and

6 WHEREAS, it is un-American and unpatriotic to treat people in a vexatious or derogatory  
7 manner based on religious, racial, or differences of national origin.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that all citizens remember the  
9 teachings and holdings of the United States Supreme Court:

10 “Distinctions between citizens solely because of their ancestry are by  
11 their very nature odious to a free people whose institutions are founded  
12 upon the doctrine of equality.”

13 Hirabashi v. United States, 320 U.S. 81 (1943).

14 The City Council asks all citizens to make careful distinctions between the individuals responsible for the  
15 September 11th attacks and others thought to be linked to the terrorists based on national origin, religion,  
16 or ethnicity.

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