

Town Council of South Berwick, Maine
A Proclamation in Support of Inclusion, Social Justice,
and Non-discrimination in the Town of South Berwick

Whereas it is imperative to the Town of South Berwick's goals that we are a welcoming and inclusive community to all who seek to live, work, play, and thrive within our boundaries; **and**

Whereas the residents of South Berwick welcome and embrace people from all races, creeds, and orientations and are stronger as a community because we are stronger as a society when we enthusiastically do so; **and**

Whereas the Town of South Berwick is committed to building trust amongst all its residents, along with its Sister City, Tuskegee, Alabama, including continued work and collaboration to insure inclusion and welcome diversity; **and**

Whereas the Town of South Berwick recognizes black lives matter; **and**

Whereas all the Municipal Departments of the Town of South Berwick will uphold and advance the goals of social justice and that all members of the community have the right to live peacefully, raise their families, and seek economic and academic opportunities free of discrimination.

Now Therefore

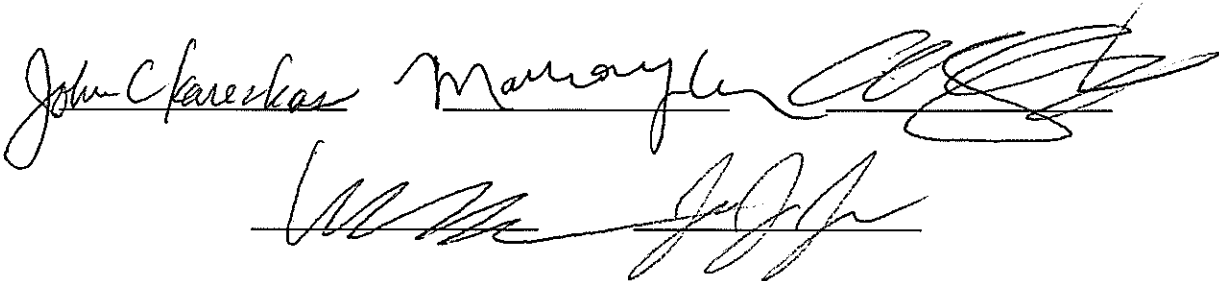
The South Berwick Town Council, on behalf of the Town of South Berwick, Maine, do hereby resolve:

All South Berwick Residents, visitors, and guests, regardless of race, color, ethnicity, or gender identity are entitled to be treated with compassion, dedication, and equality in the pursuit of a peaceful life; **and**

In the strongest terms possible, hatred and bigotry, overt and subtle, will not be tolerated by the Town of South Berwick or its officials or employees in any form; **and**

The Town of South Berwick commits to ensure its employees are trained in both implicit and explicit bias against any population and to ensure that the ideals of fairness and equality are upheld.

Signed this 23rd day of June 2020 by the Town Council of South Berwick Maine


The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature, on the left, is written over a horizontal line and appears to read "John Charekas". The second signature, on the right, is also written over a horizontal line and is more stylized, appearing to read "Maryanne".