

NEEDHAM – LET’S RESOLVE TO BUILD A NURTURING COMMUNITY

Community can be defined as *a feeling of fellowship with others as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals*. As our country starts down a new path, many Americans are struggling to maintain a sense of community and unity with fellow residents in their towns and cities. We, as residents of Needham, need to face the difficult challenges of ensuring that *our* community is indeed safe for all who live, work and come to our town.

As we ring in the New Year, please join the Needham Human Rights Committee in recommitting ourselves to the fundamental values so essential to an effective democracy in the following ways:

- Seek to find and value each other’s humanity, even those with whom we disagree;
- Consider and respect other’s perspectives and life experiences and how that shapes their points of view;
- Work with individuals who look, act and live differently than we do toward the common good;
- Demand and defend equality for every person;
- Stand up to confront bias, prejudice, and discrimination in all forms, from all sources.

Needham is privileged to have a wealth of community resources that promote respect for cultural integrity, diversity and human rights. These groups strive to enhance the well-being of all who make Needham their home. Learn more about them. Support peaceful community actions by reaching out to others in Needham - exchanging ideas, reconciling differences, building relationships, and creating a foundation for mutual understanding.

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