

## TOWN OF HANOVER BOARD OF SELECTMEN 550 HANOVER STREET, SUITE 29 HANOVER, MASSACHUSETTS 02339

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## Statement on Community Inclusiveness

The Hanover Board of Selectmen clearly and unequivocally denounces racism, discrimination, and hate in all forms. We are living through a time of unprecedented challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic and all-too-familiar calls to address injustices, discrimination, and racism in our communities. In addressing these challenges, we have all been forced to reexamine and question our norms, history, and relationships with one another. Let us reframe these challenges as an opportunity to come together and recognize that Hanoverians experience racism and prejudice while engaging in a meaningful dialogue that recognizes and values diversity and inclusivity in our town.

As your local elected leaders, we pledge to promote positive, necessary change and we will deliver on that responsibility. We have a duty to ourselves, our residents, employees, visitors, and businesses to ensure that everyone who enters our community is treated with respect and dignity. Hanover has rich traditions of town spirit, community involvement, and kindness. As a community, we strive to welcome people of every race, ethnic background, national origin, religion, ability, gender identity, and sexual orientation. In this light, we encourage residents to actively seek common ground while working to nurture an inclusive, anti-racist, and welcoming community. Hanover is great but we can be even better. Join us in making tomorrow better than today.

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