



# REQUEST FOR CITIZEN COMMENT



September 24, 2020

The Town of Luray Town Council has been requested to consider a Resolution regarding equal protection and equality. The Town Council has requested that Town residents provide their comments on the Resolution and have an opportunity to offer suggestions for modifications.

Please provide your comments and suggestion by email to [sburke@townofluray.com](mailto:sburke@townofluray.com)

## RESOLUTION EQUAL PROTECTION & EQUALITY FOR TOWN CITIZENS

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Town of Luray hereby proclaims its intentions to promote and ensure its residents shall be free and safe from discrimination of all types.

Small Virginia communities have always played an important role in setting the standard for safety, security and harmony in the lives of all of its citizens. Residents deserve to live in a community that is culturally sensitive, responsive, and provides a safe environment for its residents, children, families, and elders to live, grow and prosper.

The Town proclaims that discrimination of all types, no matter its base, including discrimination based upon race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or age have no place in this Town. The Town of Luray hereby pledges to do its part in advocating and enforcing equal protection of the laws and rights of all of its citizens and to promote the welfare of this community. This Town will work to move forward with a community that is blind to labels and titles and is intolerant of discrimination. The Town seeks to unify all of its people under the banner of equality.

The Town proclaims that it will endeavor to continue to build and create an inclusive community. Wherever there is a system of oppression within its boundaries, the Town will work to positively heal this system. Wherever there are Town individuals, citizens, families, groups, and organizations that are marginalized, the Town will work positively to promote healing, reconciliation, and justice.

The Town proclaims that the laws of this community, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States of America apply equally to all of its citizens, as guaranteed by both the U.S. Constitution and that of the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Town will use its resources and the power of its people to guarantee its citizens such protections. Moving forward, the people of the Town are united as one.