



Date: Friday, December 15, 2023
To: New Hampshire Community Members
New Hampshire Police Chiefs & Sheriffs
New Hampshire Houses of Worship
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Chief Allen Aldenberg, Manchester Police Department, and
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Colonel Mark Hall, New Hampshire State Police
Subject: Standing Strong Against Hate Crimes - A Message from
New Hampshire Law Enforcement

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Dear New Hampshire Community Members,

As your New Hampshire Law Enforcement leaders, it is our duty and privilege to address our state-wide community of residents and visitors on a matter of utmost importance—our collective commitment to fostering a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

Conflicts and tensions abroad can, understandably, affect individuals on a personal and emotional level. Recent international events have highlighted an increase in hate crimes, which is deeply troubling and goes against the values we hold dear. We want to assure you that federal, state, and local law enforcement stand united with our community members against all forms of discrimination, bigotry, and violence. It is our shared responsibility to foster an environment where everyone feels secure and supported.

We want to acknowledge the concerns some members of our community may feel about their safety and well-being. We have had discussions with members of various faith communities where we have heard about their concerns regarding safety at their houses of worship and in the community at large. These concerns have been communicated to every police chief in the state.

We, as law enforcement have a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to hate crimes and violence. We are dedicated to upholding the principles of justice, equality, and respect for all people. We will continue to work to enhance our community outreach programs and partnerships to address the root causes of these incidents.

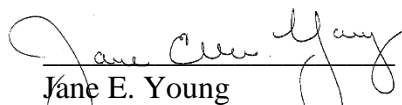
Additionally, we understand the importance of community dialogue during these times of uncertainty. We continue to organize community forums and support initiatives to provide a platform for residents to express their feelings, seek understanding, and build bridges of empathy.

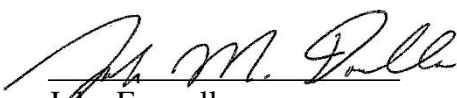
Community involvement is crucial in our fight against hate. We encourage you to report any suspicious activities or incidents promptly. Your cooperation is vital in ensuring the safety of every resident. Together, we can send a powerful message that hate has no place in New Hampshire. If you or someone you know is struggling, please reach out to local resources, and know that support is available.

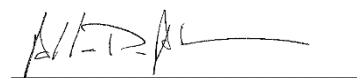
Diversity is one of our community's greatest strengths. Together we should embrace this strength and stand united against fear and division.


Thank you for your continued trust and collaboration. By working together, we will create a community where everyone feels safe, respected, and valued.

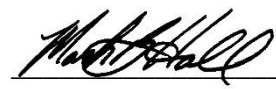
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