## Resolution 11-07-11-02 A Resolution Promoting Civil Public Discourse

Whereas, the principle of civility is the foundation of democracy and the rule of law; and

Whereas, public discourse today is all too often composed of divisive attacks rather than meaningful consideration of important public issues, which leads to ineffective public decision making, citizen frustration, and damage to our democracy; and

Whereas, municipal officials play an important role in shaping public behavior as leaders in our communities and therefore have a special opportunity to help steer public discourse back to a more civil direction;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the governing body of the Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake, Walworth County, Wisconsin, hereby urges all government officials and employees, political parties, media representatives, advocacy organizations, and candidates for political office and their supporters to strive toward a more civil public discourse in the conduct of political activities and in the administration of the affairs of government.

Approved and Adopted this 7th day of November, 2011.

Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake

Board of Trustees

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Arvid Petersen, President

Attest:

Dennis L. Martin, Clerk