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VILLAGE BOARD ENDORSES WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY PLEDGE

(Glencoe, Illinois)— Recognizing that the Village of Glencoe is home to approximately 9,000 residents of diverse backgrounds, histories and identities, Village President Larry Levin and the Village Board of Trustees adopted a resolution at the March 16, 2017 Village Board meeting endorsing the Welcoming and Inclusive Community Pledge.

The Welcoming and Inclusive Community Pledge, which has been adopted by local communities throughout the United States and Canada and was more recently adopted by over 200 local leaders within Lake County, makes the statement that a community must stand up against any and all discrimination, harassment or hateful acts that are based on race, ethnicity, color, immigration or refugee status, religion or creed, gender or sexual orientation, age, mental or physical disability, veteran status, or other social identities, as well as discourse that disrespects or degrades people's identities, needs and beliefs.

“While Glencoe is already an inclusive community, I believe that pledging to embrace unity and working together against discrimination is integral to our success and the success of future generations. I hope that by encouraging local leaders and Glencoe community members to adopt this pledge, we serve as an example to other communities in Cook County and elsewhere,” said Village President Levin. “I urge all in Glencoe and all those in our neighboring communities to join me and the Village Board in signing the pledge and in embracing its principles.”

Village Board meeting attendees showed their support by signing a poster-sized version of the pledge, copies of which will be available at Village Hall and other community locations throughout March and early April for other community members to sign. Those unable to sign in-person are encouraged to sign the pledge online at www.villageofglencoe.org/communitypledge.

Village President Levin has asked the Community Relations Forum to further develop and implement ways to integrate the ideals of the pledge into the Glencoe community.

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