

Resolution for Faithful Defiance of Authoritarianism

Heritage Universalist Unitarian Church

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Purpose. Together, in covenant and in love, we rise to protect democracy—not only for ourselves, but for generations to come.

Resolution. With democracy continually undermined, the rule of law routinely dismissed, and the freedoms of all persons repeatedly denied, we are called to act—with hope, courage, and conviction.

Foundation. Guided by our Shared Values, our UU Principles, our Covenant, and our Mission and Vision, we declare our calling to build a just, democratic, and compassionate society which upholds the worth and dignity of every person.

Conclusion. Therefore, we reaffirm our commitment to the use of the democratic process within our congregation and in the world beyond our doors.

Process. We call upon each member and friend of Heritage UU Church to participate to the best of their abilities in defending democracy and human dignity. This participation may include actions such as:

- **Siding** with and supporting those who are marginalized or silenced,
- **Joining** in peaceful, public witness for justice and democracy,
- **Supporting** issues and causes that reflect our values, and
- **Working** to ensure every voice and every vote counts.

Practice. Centered in love, we are committed to nonviolent action. Because we believe in the right of conscience, we pledge to treat with kindness all those we encounter in the course of our actions, including those with whom we disagree.

Collective Strength. We join with other faith communities and allies to build a united, compassionate, and hopeful, pro-democracy movement.