

# Sample Resolution 1: *(For Boards, Councils, Associations, Organizations, etc.)*

## Name of Organization

### Resolution Accepting the Nine Tools of Civility

WHEREAS, the residents, homeowners and visitors of \_\_\_\_\_ place a high value on respect and civility in their lives and they understand that these characteristics are essential to any healthy community; and

WHEREAS, the \_\_\_\_\_ Board/Council/Association supports opportunities for civil discourse and discussion in the \_\_\_\_\_ community and in Sisters Country; and

WHEREAS, the \_\_\_\_\_ recognizes that civility begins first with the individual and then transfers positively to others in the local community; and

WHEREAS, the \_\_\_\_\_ Board/Council/Association addresses sometimes controversial issues about which people feel passionately which can at times lead to uncivil behavior; and

WHEREAS, an atmosphere of incivility and disrespect can have a damaging effect on the proceedings, on the quality of debate and on the practice of democracy itself;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the \_\_\_\_\_ Board/Council/Association recognizes the following nine tools of civility will provide increased opportunities for civil discourse and aid our ability to find positive resolutions to the challenges that face the \_\_\_\_\_ community. These tools include:

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| 1) Pay attention. | 6) Be Agreeable.                |
| 2) Listen.        | 7) Apologize.                   |
| 3) Be Inclusive.  | 8) Give Constructive Criticism. |
| 4) Don't Gossip.  | 9) Take Responsibility.         |
| 5) Show Respect.  |                                 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the \_\_\_\_\_ (Board) shall promote the use and adherence of these tools in conducting the business of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Board).

Passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of month, year.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ (Board) Vice Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ (Board) Chair

## **Sample Resolution 2:** *(For Boards, Councils, Associations, Organizations, etc.)*

### **Name of Organization**

#### **Resolution Accepting the Nine Tools of Civility**

WHEREAS, the *(name of organization/council/board)* places a high value on respect and civility and understands that they are essential to a healthy and robust community discourse, and

WHEREAS, the *(name of organization/council/board)* strongly supports opportunities to strengthen civil discourse and discussion in Sisters Country,

BE IT RESOLVED that the *(name of organization/council/board)* endorses the following nine principles of civil discourse to promote better communication and understanding in our work and communication with others in our community.

- Listen
- Be Inclusive
- Don't Gossip
- Show Respect
- Be Agreeable
- Apologize
- Give Constructive Criticism. Take Responsibility
- Pay attention

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the *(organization/council/board)*

uses of these principles when conducting all business of the *(organization/council/board)*.

Unanimously approved this *(day)* of *(month)*, *(year)*.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ *(Organization/Council/Board  
Chair)*