

**RESOLUTION 16-61**

**WHEREAS**, the right to vote and to express one's choice of candidate for a political office is a fundamental legal right within the United States and a hallmark of liberty within our nation; and


**WHEREAS**, every person should respect the right of another person to hold a different political viewpoint and to express that view; and

**WHEREAS**, instances of the repeated theft of political signs from private residential property, and vandalism of political signs and private property at the same residential location has been reported to the Roswell Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the theft or vandalism of political signs for any reason not only violates state law and city ordinances, but also shows a profound disrespect for the deeply cherished American value of the freedom to express one's political views without fear of intimidation from those who may hold contrary views.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council as the Governing Body of the City of Roswell, New Mexico, that the City Council hereby condemns the theft and vandalism of political signs and damage to private property in our community as actions which are not only criminal but also do not reflect the values of our community in upholding the right to express one's political views without fear of intimidation from others who may hold contrary views.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 11th day of August, 2016.**

  
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Dennis Kintigh, Mayor



ATTEST:

  
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Sharon Coll, City Clerk

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