B. NEW BUSINESS (May be acted upon) (Majority Vote) BARNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

ITEM# 2026-018 INTRO: 08/21/2025

2026-018 RESOLVE AFFIRMING THE TOWN'S COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND EQUALITY FOR ALL BARNSTABLE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

RESOLVED: That the Barnstable Town Council does hereby affirm the Town of Barnstable's commitment to the values of freedom, justice, and equality for all Barnstable residents and visitors and to supporting its residents and visitors in leading lives of peace and dignity free from fear, harassment, and violence, and to that end, further resolves that the Town of Barnstable and its officials and employees shall:

- Continue to comply with all applicable provisions of state and federal law, including the Massachusetts Constitution, which guarantees equal protection of the laws to all people, regardless of nationality, citizenship or immigration status; and
- Continue to protect the civil liberties, safety, and human rights of all Barnstable residents and visitors regardless of age, race, religion, ethnicity, ability, sexual and gender identity, marital or economic status, citizenship, and immigration status.

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