

Community ACCORD

Reaffirming our faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, and in the equal rights of men and women.

Desiring to promote realisation of the principles contained in the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, the *International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination*, and *Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief*, as well as other relevant international instruments that have been adopted by our State, and inspired by the provisions of the *Racial and Religious Tolerance Act 2001* concerning the rights of all Victorians and the principles enshrined in the *Multicultural Victoria Act 2004*.

Believing that promotion and protection of the rights of persons belonging to different ethnic, cultural, religious and linguistic communities contributes to the political and social stability of this our State of Victoria.

Emphasising that promotion and realisation of the rights of culturally and linguistically diverse peoples within a democratic framework based on the rule of law, is integral to the development of our society and strengthens friendship and cooperation among our peoples within our State.

Recognising the need for effective implementation of international and State human rights instruments with regard to the rights of persons belonging to different ethnic, cultural, religious and linguistic communities.

WE PROCLAIM THIS COMMUNITY ACCORD

In recognition of Victoria as a vibrant, diverse and progressive State in which all people live, work and prosper together we the undersigned representatives of Victoria's varied communities undertake to:

- Respect all ethnic, cultural, religious and linguistic communities
- Promote respect for diversity across our communities
- Seek opportunities to work together to reaffirm our similarities as human beings and the fundamental principles that unite us as Victorians
- Advocate for the elimination of racial and religious intolerance
- Reject all forms of racial and religious vilification, violence, harassment and unlawful discrimination

In endorsing this declaration, we (the undersigned) accept responsibility to comply with these principles.

ORGANISATION

SIGNATURES