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## VILLAGE OF ARDSLEY

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY

Dear Members of Our Community,

I write to you today as the Chief of Police of the Ardsley Police Department with a deep sense of responsibility, a commitment to justice, and a dedication to ensuring the safety and well-being of all our residents. We are all aware of the senseless acts of hate being perpetrated in our state and around our country.

Our small community is built on the principles of diversity, inclusion, and respect for one another. We take great pride in the rich tapestry of backgrounds, beliefs, and cultures that make us who we are. These differences are not weaknesses, but rather, they are our collective strength.

Acts of hate, discrimination, or bias have no place here. We, as a police department, are committed to upholding and protecting the rights and dignity of each and every individual within our community. It is our duty to ensure that every resident, regardless of their race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic, feels safe and supported in our community.

We will not tolerate acts of hate, discrimination, or violence against anyone. Our officers are trained to treat every individual with fairness, respect, and compassion. We will thoroughly investigate any incidents of hate, and those found responsible will be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law.

To further our commitment to a safe and inclusive community, we are actively engaging in community outreach programs and training for our officers to ensure that they have the skills and knowledge to serve every member of our community effectively. We are also working closely with local organizations, leaders, and community members to build bridges of understanding and unity.

I encourage all members of our community to be vigilant and report any acts of hate or discrimination that they witness or experience. Your support and cooperation are essential in our mission to create a safe and welcoming environment for all.

Together, we can stand against hate, bigotry, and discrimination. Let us come together as a community and celebrate our differences, recognizing that they are what make us stronger. We will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that our community remains a beacon of inclusivity and respect for all.

Thank you for your trust in the Ardsley Police Department. We are here to serve and protect you, and we are committed to upholding the values that define us as a community.

Sincerely,

Chief Anthony Piccolino