Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington as follows:

That WHEREAS, in its October 15, 2018 resolution, the Burlington City Council declared that “Burlington is a diverse community that strives to be a welcoming place to live, work, and visit” and found that “many individuals [have come] forward to express that they feel hurt by the omissions and misrepresentations” in the “Everyone Loves A Parade” mural (“mural”) that is displayed on Leahy Way in the Church St. Marketplace; and

WHEREAS, that same resolution established the goal of relocating the mural to somewhere in the city by August 29, 2022, meaning that an earlier removal and storage is permitted if the Council deems it in the public interest; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Burlington City Council finds it in the public interest to remove the mural before August 29, 2022 due to the continuing hurt that the mural is causing members of the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council directs the City Attorney’s Office to notify the artist immediately to satisfy the required 90-day notice period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council and the Department of Public Works work together and by August 31, 2020 remove the mural to a suitable site in the city for storage until a recommended plan can be developed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City departments continue to work together, in consultation with the City Council Parks, Arts & Culture Committee, for a recommendation to this Council for the relocation or disposition of the mural no later than September 30, 2020.

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