

## BLOOMINGTON HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

### HATE INCIDENTS REPORT

January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

**\*\*Warning: this report includes offensive language in order to provide an accurate portrayal of these incidents.**

In August, 1990, the Bloomington Common Council unanimously approved an amendment to the Bloomington Human Rights Ordinance which gave the Bloomington Human Rights Commission the explicit authority to collect data and issue reports on hate incidents within our community. We accept reports from police departments, individuals, groups and the media. We also accept anonymous reports. Our goal is not to investigate these incidents, as we do not have the authority to conduct that type of investigation. Rather, our goals are to serve as a referral resource and sounding board for victims, to work with community groups to coordinate responses to hate incidents when appropriate and to make our community more aware of the prevalence of hate incidents by updating this document on-line as we receive new reports.

Please note: Not all of these incidents constitute crimes, but all do indicate apparent bias.

In February, we received reports from the media and members of the public about anti-Semitic comments posted on GreekRank saying that Jewish students should get off campus, that all Jewish Greek houses should be boycotted and that Jewish students should be back to the gas chambers where they belong. Campus police investigated.

In March 2022, we received a report from City staff that three swastikas were painted on the B-Line Trail near downtown. City staff removed them.

In April 2022, we received a report from an individual claiming that the holocaust was an "antiwhite lie" had been pasted on a utility pole at a private residential complex. Individual also reported incident to the police. Flyer was first seen a few days before Holocaust Remembrance Day.

In September, 2022, we received a report that nazi symbols and other racist markings were drawn on a tree in a City park with markers. Staff covered up the graffiti.

In October, 2022, we received a report of two swastikas in the downtown area. One was made out of toilet paper and left on the floor of a restroom on Kirkwood, and the other was painted with charcoal on a downtown sidewalk.