City of Chico, Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria, CSU, Chico and Butte College

JOINT PROCLAMATION

BOOK IN COMMON – “How to Be an Antiracist”
October 20, 2020

WHEREAS: the City of Chico, Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria, California State University, Chico and Butte College values reading, reflection and action in support of building a sense of community, strengthening literacy and advancing the common good; and

WHEREAS: the Book in Common’s goal is to create a foundation for life-long learning by understanding oneself and others and to intellectually, critically and emotionally reflect on one’s experiences and roles in society; and

WHEREAS: programs such as the Book in Common enhance the intellectual community, foster dialogue and understanding of important issues facing the broader community; and

WHEREAS: California State University, Chico, Butte College, Butte County Public Library, local citizens and book clubs around our City have selected the book; How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi; and

WHEREAS: How to be an Antiracist is a memoir that challenges readers to think deeply about our policies and systems, and invites us to imagine what an antiracist society could look like, and how we can be active in manifesting it. Using personal reflection and historical evidence, Kendi suggests ways that we can, together, create a more just and equitable society for all people.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we do hereby recognize How to Be an Antiracist as the Book in Common for the City of Chico in 2020-21 and urge all citizens to read, reflect and act in support of the common good of the community.

Dated: October 20, 2020

Ann Schwab, Mayor of Chico

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Gayle E. Hutchinson, President of California State University, Chico

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