

City of Northfield Statement for Our Safe and Welcoming Community

Purpose:

To ensure that the City of Northfield is committed to creating and nurturing a community that is safe and welcoming to all people.

Statement:

Northfield, Minnesota is a multi-cultural community of people from diverse racial, ethnic, and class backgrounds, national origins, religious and political beliefs, genders, sexual orientations, and physical abilities. Our community is, and its individual members are, enriched by our acceptance of one another as we live, work, and play together in an environment of positive engagement and mutual respect.

Northfield is home to a dynamic and innovative mix of businesses and institutions. Many of these organizations serve markets that are national or international, reflecting the diversity of our world. Our businesses and institutions often host people from around the country and around the world. It is essential to our success that our community be safe and welcoming to all people.

Northfield celebrates the diverse contributions of all people. We accept the responsibility as individuals and a community, to actively participate in building a community where diverse attributes, perspectives, cultures, and values are accepted, appreciated, supported, and celebrated. We will challenge bigotry wherever it appears.

All who live, work, and recreate in our community have a right to be in and a responsibility to create an environment that is safe and welcoming to all people. The City of Northfield, by this statement, publicly declares its commitment to creating and nurturing a safe and welcoming community.