

TOWN OF FALMOUTH RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS,** the Falmouth Town Council welcomes public comment on issues of public concern and appreciates the right to free speech, and
- WHEREAS,** the Council recognizes that public comment may include criticism of the views or actions of any individual Councilor or Councilors, or any other Falmouth public official appointed by the Town Council, and
- WHEREAS,** recent comments at public meetings and in correspondence to Councilors and other public officials in Falmouth have gone far beyond ordinary criticism to name-calling and personal attacks and abusive, bullying and threatening language, and
- WHEREAS,** such language is an affront to the Council and the entire citizenry of Falmouth, and
- WHEREAS,** such language does not foster the free and open exchange of ideas on which the operation of good government depends, and
- WHEREAS,** public officials in Falmouth have the right to serve without being subjected to such language as well as threats to their safety and well-being and those of their families,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FALMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL assembled this 10th day of May, 2010, that such behavior undermines our elected form of government and our democratic institutions and will not be tolerated at any time during Council meetings or through Council correspondence.

Approved this 10th day of May, 2010

Cathy Breen, Council Chair