

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 26-26

A RESOLUTION TO LEAD WITH CIVILITY, DIGNITY AND RESPECT

WHEREAS, the members of the City Council of the City of Luverne stand united to lead with civility, dignity and respect to meet the needs of all Minnesota residents.

WHEREAS, local governments across the United States are the most trusted level of government — 67% of residents trust them to handle local problems and 62% feel their local elected officials represent them or their community’s interest very and somewhat well.¹

WHEREAS, local governments create innovative solutions and economically thriving and resilient communities by delivering services effectively and efficiently every day.

WHEREAS, our city’s locally elected leaders interact daily with their residents, local business leaders, and other community stakeholders on main streets and throughout our city, actively listening, discussing key issues and solving issues.

WHEREAS, we are committed to honoring the dignity of every resident in every neighborhood and to leading by example in showing that differences need not lead to division when we treat one another with dignity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA AS FOLLOWS:

- We are committed to promote civility within our governing body and
- We stand united to lead with respect, dignity, and civility to reduce polarization and create an environment that values shared goals, increased empathy, and genuine dialogue.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LUVERNE, MINNESOTA, this 25th day of August 2026.

Patrick T. Baustian, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Jill Wolf, City Administrator

¹ Sources: Americans Trust Local Government Most, Congress Least (Gallup, 2023); Resident Opinion of Local Government Brief (National League of Cities, 2025).