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Sirs/Madams,

I want my protest to be recorded concerning this JEDI Resolution. Let's start with the opening paragraph. Why are you insisting on race baiting? This is over the top insulting and purposely trying to put one race/group against another. Why are you doing this? America is not systemically racist. We live in the greatest nation ever conceived by man. I have lived in countries that have this kind of mindset. It never ends well for the citizens. Our rights are enumerated by the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights of the US Constitution. If this "resolution" passes, it will be in direct conflict with these founding documents and principles

This is a rebranding of Marxism. It is un-American and un-Montanan and is pushing forward a thought system that is inherently racist. This is Critical Race Theory at its insidious base. I find this incredibly insulting. I am not an "oppressor" and to call certain classes of our citizens "oppressed" very telling. You have made second class citizens out of our fellow Missoulians.

We, the citizens of Missoula County and Missoula City, have hired you to take care of certain items that we cannot do individually specifically, roads, fire safety, and community safety through our police, fire and road departments. Stick to what we hired you to do. This has gone over the top. To add insult to injury, you plan on using my tax dollars to hire someone to "root out" racism and all the "isms" perceived and imaginary. I'm not sure if I should laugh, cry or scream at the absolute insanity that has infected the leadership of this county and city.

By its very language, this "resolution" is racist against anyone that disagrees with it.

You should reconsider your resolution. Be a "uniter", not a divider. Don't be racist. There is no class of people that is better than the other. Our laws protect us from the very racism that you are trying to instill.

We should judge people by the content of their character, not by the color of their skin or their group affiliation.

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