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‘As in the past, today we are confronted with challenges and choices. Among the most difficult of these is how to respond to those who intentionally cause harm. As Heathens, our religion gives no basis for discrimination of any kind. Unfortunately, that has not stopped certain actors from trying to do so. Their actions force the wider Heathen community to adopt the qualifying word “inclusive” to define ourselves, and to stand against bigoted people who continuously twist the ancient Germanic religions towards exclusionary, hateful, and violent ends. It is illogical to place exclusionary limits on Heathenry.

We decry the damage the Nazi Party, their allies, and those of similar ideologies have caused historically. We also recognise the damage their ilk continues to inflict. They continually weaponize ancient Norse and Germanic symbols for use in campaigns of exclusion and terror against anyone who does not fit their fantasy. They dishonour our deities. We hold that the deities themselves created and celebrate diversity. We hold that respect is an inherent right of all human beings. To violate those rights is to forfeit the community’s good graces. There is no greater dishonour. The signatories listed below represent a diverse set of voices within modern Heathenry. They are national organisations, resource centres, authors, community leaders, local kindreds, and individuals. They come from every branch of our religion and walk of life. These signatories have signed this Declaration to state their complete denunciation of, and disassociation from, any and all organisations that include any form of discrimination as described below as part of their policies and practice.

*Declaration 127 signatories shall not promote, associate, or do business with any organisation or entity so long as they practice discriminatory policies and exclusionary ideologies. Discriminatory organisations do not represent our communities. We do not condone hatred or discrimination carried out in the name of our religion and will no longer associate with those who do. We hereby declare that we will not maintain silence just to keep the peace, especially with those who would use our traditions to justify prejudice on the basis of: age, ability, health status, race, colour, ethnicity, national origin (including ancestry), veteran status, gender, gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, socioeconomic class, or any other form of bigotry. We stand together in defiance of unjust discrimination. Oppressive and exclusionary institutions shall receive no support from us. We will actively work against them in favour of a more welcoming faith community and society which embraces diversity, equity, and inclusion.*

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