



#ReviveCivility—Ohio

### Ohio's Initiative to Revive Civility Co-Chairs



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This is national grassroots initiative to revive civility and respect that outlines solution-oriented action items. Spearheaded by the National Institute for Civil Discourse (<http://nicd.arizona.edu>) which is committed to helping foster an open exchange of ideas and expression of values that will lead to better problem-solving and more effective government. Ohio is fortunate to be one of NICD's 4 focus states. Through the initiative people can:

- **Pledge** to take personal actions that model and promote civility and respect.
- **Engage** elected officials to lead with civility. Issue proclamations, and foster respectful and truthful dialogues.
- **Organize** community conversations that bring together people of diverse viewpoints on social and political issues.

We would like to see communities embrace the civility pledge, hold forums using civil discourse for the foundation, engage in the text/talk platform and begin to use components of civility to address self-identified community issues.

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NICD envisions elected officials who work collaboratively to tackle the big issues facing our country; a media that accurately informs and involves citizens; and a public that actively engages with its government -- of the people, by the people, for the people. Joining forces, we can ensure that civility emerges once again as the glue that binds, repairs and strengthens our democratic nation.

Incivility in the United States, has reached epidemic proportions. Rudeness, disrespect, and hostility often sideline collaboration and compromise. Too frequently, we are hearing about hate filled speech, and even violence, used against others based on their race, religion, political affiliation, sexual orientation, or ethnicity. Negative messaging and even false reporting, infiltrates daily news and social media feeds, leading people to disengage from community, civic life, and even personal relationships. NICD is working to restore respectful discourse for individual, community and government well-being.

#### What Can I Do to Become a Revive Civility Connector?

- Sign the pledge.
- Sign up for the newsletter and stay informed of Initiative activities.
- Reach out to other people in your community and introduce them to the initiative.
- Be open to building new relationships and restoring and preserving existing relationships with people with diverse viewpoints and life experiences than your own.
- Use the civility principles to have respectful conversations with people who hold different perspectives.
- Promote the Revive Civility on social media and to your networks.
- Host initiative-related conversations in your community.
- Respond to incivility when you see it.
- Start a formal Revive Civility effort in your community (e.g. at your workplace, at your school/campus, in your neighborhood).
- Become trained to facilitate community discussions.

