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## Maturo Calls for Cooperation and Unity in Response to East Haven March

Mayor Joseph Maturo, Jr., of East Haven, released the following statement following the East Haven March for Unity:

"I am extremely proud of the manner in which both the participants and our residents came together to welcome this demonstration of our country's most precious precepts of freedom of speech and the right of assembly. The themes of peace, unity and justice are ones that our community will continue to embrace and all our citizens certainly have a right to expect.

The March for Unity in East Haven today highlighted our commitment to continue the open dialogue we have initiated amongst all segments of our Town. We must all be willing to hold out our hands in cooperation so that we may move forward as one, unified community. By engaging one another in meaningful communication based on mutual respect, we will continue to turn today's challenges into tomorrow's opportunities. As Mayor, I will continue to meet with community leaders to maintain a Town-wide dialogue focused on building sincere relationships that will help guarantee all members of our community the justice, dignity, and respect that they deserve. As I am committed to a process of rebuilding trust with all groups in our town, I will continue to work with them to restore faith in their Police Department and their Government.

Finally I would like to thank all our Police, Fire and Public Service personnel who performed their duties in an exemplary fashion and enabled our community to welcome this demonstration in a safe and peaceful manner. Let us now continue to move forward together as one community that will maintain and ensure our stated goals.