

Statement from First Selectman Jason E. Bowsza regarding the display of nooses at East Windsor Cracker Barrell

Yesterday evening, our Police Department was notified that there were nooses on prominent display at the Cracker Barrell in East Windsor. Officers responded immediately and negotiated the removal of the nooses with restaurant management, who quickly complied.

There is no place in today's world for symbols of hatred or intimidation. If this was supposed to be funny, it isn't. Whoever came up with the idea should be ashamed of themselves.

East Windsor is a diverse community that seeks to embrace our diversity. We do this through progressive policing in our Police Department, we've established a Diversity Council to foster a stronger sense of community for all people in town, and the Town of East Windsor has zero tolerance for any type of hate speech or propaganda.

Not only is this type of display against the law (CGS 46a-58(d)), it is also morally reprehensible.