

RESOLUTION CONDEMNING HATE

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Whereas, in recent years there has been an alarming increase in hate crimes targeting people on the basis of religion, race or color, ethnic background, age, sex, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or place of origin;

Whereas, hate crimes have been committed at places of worship, institutions of higher education, community and religious centers, public and private schools, business offices and industrial plants, and the like;

Whereas, this criminal and violent activity has taken the form of hate speech, bomb and death threats and murder, the defacement, vandalism, desecration and destruction of public and private property, including but not limited to houses of worship, cultural and community centers, colleges and universities, businesses, cemeteries, individual homes, polling places, and other government facilities;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. Governments, at all levels, publicly condemn all forms of hate crimes including but not limited to acts of violence, hate speech, and extremism based on discrimination.
2. Law enforcement and other public officials, at all levels, work together to quickly and vigorously investigate all reports of hate crimes, improve the reporting of hate crimes, forcefully prosecute the perpetrators of hate crimes and punish, to the full extent of the law, those found guilty of the commission of such crimes.
3. Educators, the clergy, parents, government officials, politicians, law enforcement and others use their positions of authority and influence to teach respect, tolerance and compassion towards all people, and utilize peaceful methods to resolve conflicts.

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The South Lyon Area Democratic Club

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The Northwest Detroit Democratic Club

The Michigan Democratic Jewish Caucus

The Michigan Democratic Party Black Caucus

The Hillsdale County Democratic Party

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