



MICHIGAN CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

RESOLUTION

Resolution In Support Of The Campaign To Take On Hate

Whereas, The Michigan Civil Rights Commission (MCRC) was created by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 as a bipartisan, eight-member body appointed by the governor for alternating terms of four years;

Whereas, It is the duty of the MCRC, in a manner prescribed by law, to investigate alleged discrimination against any person in the enjoyment of the civil rights guaranteed by law and the constitution, and to secure the equal protection of such civil rights without such discrimination;

Whereas, The Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR) was established in 1965 to provide a staff complement to the policy making responsibilities of the MCRC;

Whereas, the MCRC and MDCR support initiatives committed to eliminating hate and discrimination while promoting the enjoyment of civil rights by all individuals;

Whereas, the Campaign to TAKE ON HATE is a national grassroots movement that promotes positive images of Arab and Muslim Americans, and engages non-Muslims and non-Arabs to help build a community and society that seeks to eradicate and eliminate all forms of hate, bias and discrimination;

Whereas, the MCRC and MDCR recognize that public attitudes toward Arab and Muslim Americans have worsened since 9/11 with a 1600% increase in hate crimes;

Whereas, the MCRC and MDCR recognize that violence and hate crimes and other forms of discrimination towards Arab and Muslim Americans have increased, creating fearful and unstable communities; and

Whereas, the Campaign to TAKE ON HATE calls upon all individuals to fight against prejudice and hate towards Arab and Muslim Americans, to end discrimination and violence against any group, and to TAKE ON HATE;

It is resolved, that the MCRC and MDCR publically endorse and support the mission of the Campaign to TAKE ON HATE as furthering our mission to protect all individuals regardless of their religion, race, race, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, familial status, marital status, gender, gender identity or expression, height, weight, or ethnicity.

It is further resolved, that the MCRC and MDCR are proud to join voices with the many organizations and individuals involved in the campaign, and together we call upon all Michiganders to TAKE ON HATE.



Approved this 20th day of July, 2015

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