

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION)
01-2-14-1) IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORTING
) PASSAGE OF THE "HATE CRIMES
) PREVENTION ACT OF 2001"

PASSED

WHEREAS, Congress has before it HR74, which is the Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2001, a copy of which is attached; and

WHEREAS, Lane County has been on record as opposing violent hate crimes based on race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity/national origin, and disability; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds compelling the statements expressed in the House Concurrent Resolution 6 in the 107th Congress which states:

"Whereas, diversity and tolerance are essential principles of an open and free society;

"Whereas, all people deserve to be safe within their communities, free to live, work, and worship without fear of violence and bigotry,

"Whereas, crimes motivated by hatred against persons because of their race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability undermine the fundamental values of our Nation;

"Whereas, hate crimes tear at the fabric of American society, leave scars on victims and their families, and weaken our sense of community and purpose; and

"Whereas individuals who commit crimes based on hate and bigotry must be held responsible for their actions and must be stopped from spreading violence."

WHEREAS, Lane County desires to add its voice to those called for addressing hate crimes.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners urges Congress to pass legislation that amends the federal criminal code to set penalties for persons who commit acts of violence against other persons because of the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability of any person; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Lane County condemns the culture of hate and the hate groups that foster such violent acts; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Lane County reaffirms its commitment to a society that fully respects and protects all people.

Dated this 14th day of February, 2001.

Anna Morrison
Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Date 1/31/01 Lane County
Jessie D. [Signature]
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

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