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Resolution Condemning Hate Crimes and Discrimination Resolution 01-01

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights is the State agency which enforces Alaska Human Rights Law; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights is aware of "hate crimes" and "hate actions" in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights in 1992 condemned such actions; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights is also aware of continuing discrimination in Alaska based on race, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, and disability; and

WHEREAS, hate crimes and acts of discrimination are a special concern because they breed fear, distrust, and division in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights and the communities of Alaska must work to stop hateful and discriminatory actions and change the attitudes that lead to them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights urges the citizens of Alaska to join us in condemning and stopping acts of bias and hatred.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights calls upon the Governor, the Alaska Legislature, and Regional, Local, and Tribal Governments to declare and enforce a public policy of zero tolerance for violations of human rights.

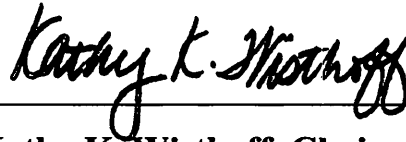
**ALASKA STATE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
RESOLUTION 01-01
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights urges all law enforcement agencies to provide specialized staff training in responding to hate crimes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights urges local communities to educate their citizens in recognizing and fighting hate crimes and discrimination so as to make our communities safe and free of fear, distrust, and division.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senate; the Honorable Don Young, U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Rick Halford, President of the Senate and the Honorable Brian Porter, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Alaska State Legislature; the Honorable Members of the Alaska State Legislature; the Alaska Federation of Natives; the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council; and the Alaska Municipal League.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY at Juneau, Alaska, this 4th day of April 2001.



Kathy K. Wisthoff, Chairperson