

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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Opposition to Hate Actions and Hate Crimes Resolution 92-02

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, Alaska residents have experienced an increase in mail and other forms of communication expressing racism, anti-semitism, religious bigotry and other negative labeling of minority groups; and

WHEREAS, recent vandalism has had significant anti-semitic and racial overtones; and

WHEREAS, the local escalation of anti-minority mailings and other incidents are occurring within a context of similar escalation, both nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, hate crimes are a special concern because they breed fear, distrust, and vision in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights and the communities of Alaska must work to stop this hateful action and the attitudes that cause it.

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 these vicious attacks and to adopt a policy that condemns acts of bias and hatred.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights urges the Alaska Legislature, the Governor, and Regional, Local, and Tribal Governments to set public policy stating no tolerance for violations of constitutional, civil, and human rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights urges the law enforcement agencies to have statewide records and procedures that would keep track of 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 hate actions so as to make our communities a safe place for all people.

ALASKA STATE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
RESOLUTION 92-02
OCTOBER 16, 1992

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United States; the Honorable William P. Barr, Attorney General of the United States; the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska Delegation in Congress; the Honorable Walter J. Hickel, Governor of Alaska; and the Honorable Richard I. Eliason, President of the Senate, and the Honorable Ben Grussendorf, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Alaska State Legislature; the Honorable Peter J. Wilson, Governor of California; and the Honorable Tom Bradley, Mayor of Los Angeles.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY at Palmer, Alaska, this 16th day of October, 1992.

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Rex A. Okakok, Chairperson