

House RESOLUTION NO. 2 For DENNY

INTRODUCED BY

Peck Taylor, Enns, Libanek, Turner, Heavy Runner, FUCHS, Caron, Larson, Kettl, Hansen, Elving, Wyatt

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA APPEALING FOR TOLERANCE; AND REJECTING ALL EXPRESSIONS OF HATE, PREJUDICE, OR BIGOTRY.

WHEREAS, Montana is a big-hearted state whose generosity of spirit matches the vastness of its plains and the grandeur of its mountains; and

WHEREAS, Montana has long been known as the Big Sky State, a state open to new ideas, open to opportunity, and open to the pursuit of happiness for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Montana is a land proud of its ethnic diversity and its respect for the dignity of all of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Montanans have had to overcome adversity in times of drought, depression, and war while remaining hopeful, determined, and steadfast; and

WHEREAS, Montana is witnessing an increasing number of acts of hate, prejudice, and bigotry, as evidenced by anti-Semitic literature, acts of vandalism, and harassment against Jews, homosexuals, and people of color; and

WHEREAS, crimes of hate have occurred at our places of work, our churches, our homes, and, recently, at our Capitol; and

WHEREAS, such crimes defy the spirit of what it means to be a Montanan and an American.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That crimes of hate, prejudice, and bigotry against anyone, regardless of race, religion, age, gender, culture, disability, or sexual orientation, have no place in our beloved state.

That hatred breeds only hatred and that acts of hate only result in further acts of hate.

That we cannot and will not condone any acts of intolerance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we respectfully encourage every citizen to be vigilant in rejecting all such expressions of hate, prejudice, or bigotry.

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4 WYATT, MARTINEZ, COCCHIARELLA, HARRINGTON, QUILICI, SHEA, GALVIN, SWANSON, MCCANN,
5 REAM, J. JOHNSON, HURDLE, RANEY, HAGENER, KADAS, SCHWINDEN, CAREY, TROPILA, ELLIOTT,
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