

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 145

Senators Hollier, Wojno, Moss, Bayer, Chang and Schmidt offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to urge the Michigan Attorney General and the  
2 Michigan Department of Civil Rights to aggressively pursue and  
3 investigate discrimination complaints, including instances that may  
4 rise to the level of a hate crime.

5           Whereas, Hate crimes, which include threats and acts of  
6 violence motivated by animus based on race, color, national origin,  
7 religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or  
8 disability, victimize not only the targeted individual but the  
9 entire community; and

10           Whereas, Hate crimes erode mutual respect and civility and  
11 undermine the citizens' sense of well-being and safety.  
12 Investigating discrimination, enforcing civil rights, and

1 prosecuting hate crimes counters messages of bigotry and reaffirms  
2 our commitment to equality and civility; and

3       Whereas, Aggressive investigation and prosecution of  
4 discrimination and hate crimes can deter hate crimes before they  
5 escalate to murder; now, therefore, be it

6       Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Michigan Attorney  
7 General to aggressively pursue and investigate discrimination  
8 complaints, including instances that may rise to the level of a  
9 hate crime; and be it further

10       Resolved, That we urge the Michigan Department of Civil Rights  
11 to aggressively pursue and investigate discrimination complaints,  
12 including instances that may rise to the level of a hate crime; and  
13 be it further

14       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
15 Governor, the Michigan Attorney General, and the Director of the  
16 Michigan Department of Civil Rights.