

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION IN THE 93RD ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT IMPOSES ENHANCED SENTENCING FOR CONVICTIONS OF MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES ASSOCIATED WITH CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST VICTIMS BASED UPON BIGOTRY AND PREJUDICE (HATE CRIMES); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock is committed to preserving the rights of all crime victims and is expressly opposed to bigotry and prejudice in any form; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas is currently one of only three states that has not adopted "hate crime" legislation and two of the three states currently without such laws are expected to pass legislation in the near future; and

WHEREAS, without "hate crime" legislation, and particularly being the last state with no such law, Arkansas will appear unwilling to discourage and condemn criminal acts based upon bigotry and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, being the only state without "hate crime" legislation will be detrimental to recruiting talent in all settings, business capital investment and retaining businesses and economic development in the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The City of North Little Rock supports the passage of "hate crime" legislation by the 93rd Arkansas General Assembly and signed by the Governor as evidence that Arkansas is opposed to discriminatory acts of violence and is open and welcoming to people of good will.

SECTION 2: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

SPONSORS:

ATTEST:

Terry C. Hartwick

Mayor Terry C. Hartwick

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Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Amy Beckman Fields, City Attorney

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Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector North Little Rock, Arkansas				
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