

**Condemning Violence And Hate Speech And Expressing Solidarity
With All Those Targeted For Their Ethnicity, Race, Religion,
Gender, Or Gender Identification, ~~Or Political Views~~**

Referred to: The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Belfiglio, Donaldson, R. Parete and Rodriguez)

Legislator Jennifer Schwartz Berky and Legislators Allen, Bartels, Delaune, Donaldson, Greene, Heppner, Loughran, J. Parete and Rodriguez offer the following:

WHEREAS the United States was founded by immigrants, many fleeing religious persecution, who enshrined freedom of religion as one of our nation's fundamental legal and ethical principles; and

WHEREAS we are deeply saddened and outraged at the recent escalation of hateful rhetoric against immigrants, all people of color, ethnicity, race, religion, gender, gender identification, ~~and political views~~; and

WHEREAS we, as elected representatives of the people, have a special responsibility not to stay silent in the face of hate violence and discrimination against any of our constituents or countrymen; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature condemns all hateful speech and violent action directed at any individual or group based on ethnicity, race, religion, gender, gender identification, ~~or political views~~; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature commits to pursuing a policy agenda that affirms civil and human rights, and ensures that those targeted on the basis of ethnicity, race, religion, gender, gender identification, ~~political views~~ or immigration status can turn to government without fear of recrimination, and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature reaffirms the value of a pluralistic society, the beauty of a culture composed of multiple cultures, and the inalienable right of every person to live and practice their faith without fear,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Resolution No. 425 December 20, 2016

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Amendments Adopted in Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on
November 21, 2016

Postponed in Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on November 22,
2016

Amendment to strike words “and/or political views” throughout the Resolution
Adopted in Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on December 19,
2016

Defeated in Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on December 19,
2016

Petition to Discharge successfully executed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE