

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

Referred to: The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Belfiglio, Donaldson, Lopez, Loughran, 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

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; 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, 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.

DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 11 NOES: 8
(Ayes: Legislators Allen, Bartels, Berky, Briggs,
Delaune, Donaldson, Greene, Heppner, Loughran,
J. Parete, and Rodriguez)
(Absent: Legislators Gerentine, Maio, Roberts and
Ronk)

Resolution No. 425 Of 2016 February 15, 2017

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Postponed in Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on October 18, 2016

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

STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution DEFEATED by the Ulster County Legislature on the 15th Day of February in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 17th Day of February in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen.

/s/ Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature