

**Urging Participation In Tolerance Day**

Legislators Aiello, Alfonso, Bartels, Berardi, Busick, Cummings, Dart, DePew, Donaldson, Every, Feldmann, Felicello, Gerentine, Harris, Hathaway, Hyatt, Kraft, Lomita, Loughran, Maloney, McAfee, Meyer, Noonan, R.A. Parete, R.S. Parete, Provenzano, Roberti, Rodriguez, Shapiro, Stock, Stoeckeler, Tipp and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, there have been local incidents of racial problems in Ulster County, particularly in the City of Kingston, and

WHEREAS, the City of Kingston has declared November 19, 2005 as Tolerance Day, and

WHEREAS, November 19, 2005, should serve as an occasion for tolerance education as well as for wider social and political reflection and debate on local and global problems of intolerance, and

WHEREAS, building tolerance and trust in diverse communities is not done overnight, but takes time and commitment. Building tolerance requires access to education. Intolerance is often rooted in ignorance and fear: fear of the unknown, of the "other", other cultures, religions and nations. Intolerance is also closely linked to an exaggerated sense of self-worth and pride: notions taught and learned at an early age. Therefore in coming years, we need to place greater emphasis on educating children about tolerance, human rights and fundamental freedoms.

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature urges residents of the City of Kingston and Ulster County to recognize November 19, 2005 as Tolerance Day and to work and live in racial harmony,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 27                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Donaldson, Every,  
Gerentine, Hathaway and Hyatt)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE