

Rep. Moss offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 145.

A resolution pledging opposition to all forms of hate, bigotry, and extremism and pledging support for inclusivity and diversity by forming a Legislators Compact.

Whereas, Michigan is a welcoming state to all. The state legislature is a reflection of the spirit of our great state, and the legislature's actions set an example for the entire state; and

Whereas, While the ideology of state legislators may differ, we all hold dear the rights enshrined in the United States Constitution, and we share common goals in our duties as public servants. We want to serve our communities, represent our constituents, and improve our state. Though we passionately debate our opinions and disagree with one another, we do so with respect, civility, and collegiality; and

Whereas, Recent bias-motivated violence must compel us, as state legislators, to come together to denounce all forms of hate, bigotry, and extremism; and

Whereas, As leaders in our communities, we must stand together in unity to make it known that hate has no place in our state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we pledge to stand together in opposition to any forms of hate speech or overtly bigoted actions and set an example for our state and our citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That we pledge to work to ensure that local police departments have the financial resources necessary to prevent, respond to, and investigate domestic terrorism and hate crimes, and to work with federal authorities when appropriate to ensure that the interests of justice are served; and be it further

Resolved, That we pledge to support the integration of immigrants and other new residents into the community, encourage community activities that celebrate diversity, and educate residents about the different cultures that compose Michigan's population; and be it further

Resolved, That we pledge to work with creative partners to use various electronic and print media outlets to promote public messages celebrating inclusivity and challenging bias; and be it further

Resolved, That we pledge not to engage in behavior nor support rhetoric that diminishes our state and this legislative body; and be it further

Resolved, That these pledges are bonded together in a Legislators Compact.