

Senator O'Brien offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 84

A resolution recognizing September 6, 2017, as Michigan Legislators Compact Day.

Whereas, As state legislators we must 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; and

Whereas, While our ideologies may differ, we share common goals in our duties as public servants. We want to serve our communities, represent our constituents, and improve our state; and

Whereas, Though we each passionately debate our opinions and disagree with one another, we do so with respect, civility and collegiality; and

Whereas, When any forms of hate speech or overtly bigoted actions present themselves, we stand together in opposition to such instances and set an example for our state and our citizens; and

Whereas, Michigan is a welcoming state to all and the state legislature is a reflection of the spirit of our great state; and

Whereas, We hold dear the rights enshrined by the United States Constitution. We will not engage in behavior nor support rhetoric that diminishes our state and the legislative body; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body recognize September 6, 2017, as Michigan Legislators Compact Day, to denounce all forms of hate, bigotry and extremism; and be it further

Resolved, That the legislature's actions set an example for the rest of the state to denounce hateful words and actions.