



1 Such language and images often draw on stereotypes and conspiracy  
2 theories that do not reflect the reality of the world or its  
3 people. Such discourse has been used to incite and justify deadly  
4 violence against individuals and communities of color; and

5       Whereas, We rightly hold elected officials to a higher  
6 standard in matters of discourse. The language of leadership  
7 carries a greater weight with the general public than that coming  
8 from peers. When a person in a position of authority spreads words  
9 and images designed to foment hate and division, it sends a signal  
10 that those words and images are acceptable for use in the  
11 marketplace of ideas; now, therefore, be it

12       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we denounce the  
13 espousal of racist, xenophobic, white supremacist, anti-Semitic,  
14 and Islamophobic language, theories, and images, as they do not  
15 belong in societal discourse and serve only to stoke fear, hatred,  
16 and division, ideas antithetical to the functioning of "the  
17 people's house"; and be it further

18       Resolved, That such language, theories, and images being  
19 posted, reposted, or otherwise shared by members of the Michigan  
20 House of Representatives represents a failure of decorum and a  
21 dereliction of each member's duty both as the voice of a diverse  
22 group of people and as a keeper of the public trust; and be it  
23 further

24       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
25 every member of the Michigan House of Representatives.