| 1 | RESOLUTION NO | | |
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| 3 | A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE ENACTMENT OF SENTENCE | | |
| 4 | ENHANCEMENT FOR HATE CRIMES AS SET OUT IN SENATE BILL 3 | | |
| 5 | AND HOUSE BILL 1020 WHERE THE PROSECUTION PROVES THAT A | | |
| 6 | VICTIM WAS PURPOSELY SELECTED FOR HARM BECAUSE OF A | | |
| 7 | PERSONAL ATTRIBUTE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. | | |
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| 9 | WHEREAS, it unfortunately has become evident that in Arkansas, as well as other parts of America, | | |
| 10 | a person's attributes are the reason they are selected to be the victim of a criminal offense; and, | | |
| 11 | WHEREAS, when such a motive has been established by the prosecution beyond a reasonable doubt | | |
| 12 | such enhanced punishment is appropriate; and, | | |
| 13 | WHEREAS, during the 2021 Regular Session of the 93rd General Assembly of Arkansas two (2) bills | | |
| 14 | - Senate Bill 3 (SB 3), introduced by Senator Jim Hendren, and House Bill 1020 (HB 1020), introduced by | | |
| 15 | Representative Frederick Love, create a methodology for the enhancement of a sentence of imprisonment | | |
| 16 | the amount of a fine, the length of a period of probation, if at least one (1) specified attribute is shown to | | |
| 17 | have led to a person's victimization; and, | | |
| 18 | WHEREAS, the attributes proposed include past or current service in the armed forces of the United | | |
| 19 | States, race, color, religion, ethnicity, ancestry, national origin, homelessness, gender identity, sex, sexual | | |
| 20 | orientation, or disability, and to use these attributes as a basis to victimize someone is a horrible statement | | |
| 21 | that such a person is not truly a human being; and, | | |
| 22 | WHEREAS, the ability to dehumanize a person because of such a characteristic is a first and | | |
| 23 | reprehensible step towards demagoguery and totalitarianism, and are totally and completely inconsistent | | |
| 24 | with the individual protections and rights contained in the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and in the | | |
| 25 | Constitution of the United States; and, | | |
| 26 | WHEREAS, it is important for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, to state its support for such legislation | | |
| 27 | in unmistakable terms. | | |
| 28 | NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY | | |
| 29 | OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS: | | |
| 30 | Section 1. The Mayor and Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, wholeheartedly | | |
| 31 | and without reservation endorse approval of Arkansas hate crimes legislation as set forth in SB 3 and HB | | |
| 32 | 1020 of the 2021 Regular Session of the 93 rd Arkansas General Assembly. | | |
| 33 | Section 2. Further, the Mayor and Board of Directors of the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, express | | |
| 34 | their appreciation to Senator Jim Hendren of Gravette, Arkansas, and Representative Frederick J. Love of | | |

| 1 | Mablevale, Arkansas, as the initial sponsors, an | d Representatives Fred Allen, Denise Jones Ennett, Tippi | |
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| 2 | McCullough, and Joy Springer, and Senators Linda Chesterfield and Joyce Elliot of Little Rock, Arkansas, | | |
| 3 | Representative Jamie Scott of North Little Rock, Arkansas, Representative Monte Hodges of Blytheville, | | |
| 4 | Arkansas, Representative Nicole Clowney and Senator David Whitaker of Fayetteville, Arkansas, Repre- | | |
| 5 | sentative Jay Richardson of Fort Smith, Arkansas, Representative Jay Wardlaw of Hermitage, Arkansas, | | |
| 6 | Senator David Wallace of Leachville, Arkansas, Representative David Fielding of Magnolia, Arkansas, | | |
| 7 | Representative Reginald Murdock of Mariana, Arkansas, Representative Milton Nicks, Jr., of Marion, Ar- | | |
| 8 | kansas, Representatives Kenneth Ferguson and Vivian Flowers of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Representative | | |
| 9 | Joe Jett of Success, Arkansas, for their filing or co-sponsorship of SB 3 and HB 1020. | | |
| 10 | Section 3. Severability. In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or | | |
| 11 | word of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or | | |
| 12 | adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the resolution which shall remain in full force and | | |
| 13 | effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part of the | | |
| 14 | resolution. | | |
| 15 | Section 4. Repealer. All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with | | |
| 16 | the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency. | | |
| 17 | ADOPTED: February 16, 2021 | | |
| 18 | ATTEST: | APPROVED: | |
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| 21 | Susan Langley, City Clerk | Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor | |
| 22 | APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM: | | |
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| 24 25 | Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney | - | |
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