



RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ENFORCEMENT OF HATE CRIMES ACT

Endorsed February 28, 2017

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Bar Associations of Color (CBAC), organized in 1992, is a coalition created to act as a collective voice for issues of common concern to its member organizations; and

WHEREAS, the member organizations of the CBAC are the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), the National Bar Association (NBA), and the National Native American Bar Association (NNABA); and

WHEREAS, the member organizations of CBAC are the national voices of their respective legal communities in the United States and its territories and possessions; and

WHEREAS, since the outcome of the 2016 U.S. Presidential election, there have been numerous and continuous media reports of harassment - by way of intimidation, slurs, and attacks - towards individuals based on their race, religion, ethnic and national origin, or sexual identity; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported that in 2015 there was an increase of 6% in hate crimes against all minority groups, and yet these statistics gave an incomplete picture because the reporting and tracking of hate crimes is not fully adequate; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, considering these statistics and threats, CBAC supports federal efforts to improve the reporting and tracking of hate crimes; and

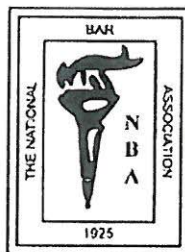
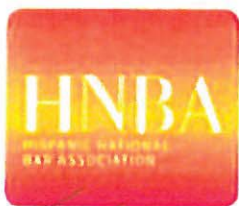
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, CBAC supports federal, state and tribal efforts to create educational and engagement partnerships with local communities, aimed at reducing these incidents and crimes; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, CBAC calls on the federal government to vigorously enforce the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution shall be the legislative priority of CBAC until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

WE, the duly-elected Presidents of the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), the National Bar Association (NBA), and the National Native American Bar Association (NNABA), hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly enacted by a duly noticed meeting of the Board of Directors.

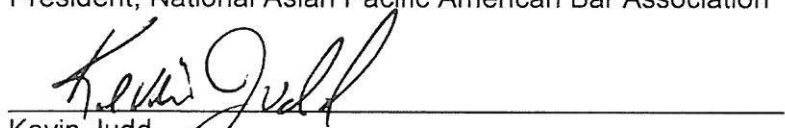



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