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CONDEMNING anti-immigrant activity, racial bias and discrimination, anti-semitism, islamophobia, hate speech, hate crimes, and harassment, and reaffirming community safety, trust and well-being in the State of New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body has a history of standing against bigotry, harassment, discrimination, injustice, and all other manifestations of intolerance; our diversity is a symbol of our strength as a State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Each and every New Yorker seeks peace, stability, and a better quality of life for their families, and their many contributions to social, religious, cultural, and economic life greatly enrich our communities; and

WHEREAS, There has been a dramatic increase in hateful and intolerant acts against our State's diverse population; these actions are contrary to the American values of acceptance, welcoming, and fellowship with those of all faiths, beliefs, and cultures; and

WHEREAS, All of our residents, including the large population of foreign born residents who live in New York, should be free to go about their daily life without fear of hate speech, hate crimes, harassment, or deportation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is reaching out to all citizens of the State of New York to consider the different values, beliefs, opinions, faiths, and philosophies of others; to foster the caring and compassionate spirit of humanity; and to cultivate and acknowledge respect toward others within our communities; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative to safeguard our diverse population throughout this great Empire State, and to offer all persons a supportive environment and equal opportunities with the promise of a future of respect and security; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to condemn anti-immigrant activity, racial bias and discrimination, anti-semitism, islamophobia, hate speech, hate crimes, and harassment, and reaffirming community safety, trust and well-being in the State of New York.