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A concurrent RESOLUTION

TO reject and abhor all forms of racial supremacy, reject any political violence of any right- or left-wing partisans for the advancement of any racial supremacy agenda, to reject the dangerous polarization caused by the toxic idea of modern structural or systemic racism inherent in the United States Constitution, and to seek to reconcile our nation’s, state’s, and community’s past, and to progress towards human dignity, freedom, opportunity, and prosperity for all human beings into the twenty-first Century.

Whereas, throughout history, the political weaponization of labels and government has led to sad and tragic outcomes; and

Whereas, our republican form of government was abused by certain states and individuals to enslave human beings; and

Whereas, our nation having endured a civil war to end human slavery; and

Whereas, post‑Civil War abolitionists are divided as to whether the United States Constitution is structurally and systemically pro‑slavery; and

Whereas, our nation having endured post‑Civil War Jim Crow Laws, Black Code, segregation, lynchings, bigotry, and other atrocious violations of human rights; and

Whereas, under Presidential Executive Order 9066 and in the name of national security and public safety, the United States government was weaponized against Japanese American citizens who were labeled as potentially dangerous enemy aliens, resulting in the freezing of assets and imprisonment; and

Whereas, our nation, State, and communities are dangerously polarized and unnecessarily damaged by deceptive allegations of modern structural and systemic racism; and

Whereas, words and language are being politically weaponized to divide our nation, state, and communities; and

Whereas, on September 29, 2021, the National School Boards Association asked President Joe Biden to label parents “domestic terrorists” for questioning local school board policies and Attorney General Merrick Garland mobilized the FBI to investigate parents attending school board meetings; and

Whereas, on June 6, 2023, the Southern Poverty Law Center listed tens of thousands of mothers as “hate”, “extreme”, and “anti‑government”, alongside actual racial supremacists; and

Whereas, individuals and groups purporting to fight “white supremacy” demonstrated “anti‑Semitism” and support for terrorism in the wake of the October 7, 2023, mass murder in Israel; and

Whereas, our nation, State, and communities need to reconcile with each other and progress towards human dignity, freedom, opportunity, and prosperity for all human beings into the twenty‑first century. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, openly reject and abhor all forms of racial supremacy, reject any political violence of any right- or left-wing partisans for the advancement of any racial supremacy agenda, reject the dangerous polarization caused by the toxic idea of modern structural or systemic racism inherent in the United States Constitution, and seek to reconcile our nation’s, State’s, and community’s past, and progress towards human dignity, freedom, opportunity, and prosperity for all human beings into the twenty-first century.

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