Human Rights Committee
2024 Resolution

RESOLUTION AGAINST BIAS-MOTIVATED OFFENSES AND HATE CRIMES

WHEREAS, prejudice, discrimination, and hate based on religion, race and ethnicity has profoundly affected American society throughout history, and

WHEREAS, hate has presented itself in various forms throughout the United States during the 21st century against the Jewish, Muslim, Black/African-American, Asian, and other marginalized communities, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) 2022 hate crime statistics state that hate crimes rooted in race, ethnicity, or ancestry remain the most common, and

WHEREAS, the FBI's 2022 hate crime statistics also state that anti-Black or African-American incidents were more than three times higher than the next highest racial or ethnic category, and

WHEREAS, the FBI's 2022 hate crime statistics also state that half of the religious based incidents were driven by anti-Jewish bias, and

WHEREAS, the FBI's 2022 hate crime statistics also state that incidents involving anti-Muslim sentiments remained at similar levels compared to 2021, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Ohio Federation of Teachers (OFT) condemns bias-motivated offenses and hate crimes of any kind, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OFT supports House Bill 171 (HB 171) to revise Ohio's Social Studies Model Curriculum to include age- and grade-appropriate instruction in the migration journeys, experiences, and societal contributions of a range of communities in Ohio and the United States, including all the following:
  a. African American communities
  b. Asian American and Pacific Islander communities
  c. Arab, African, and North African immigrant, refugee, and asylee communities
  d. Appalachian communities
  e. Jewish communities
  f. Latin American communities
  g. Native American communities, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the OFT views education as an essential way to combat bias-motivated offenses and hate crimes.