

RESOLUTION NO. 1999-07-034R

A RESOLUTION  
EXPRESSING OUTRAGE TO RECENT  
HATE CRIMES AND OUR COMMUNITY'S RESPONSE

WHEREAS, the Champaign-Urbana community is made up of individuals of differing age, color, creed, family responsibilities, marital status, matriculation, national origin, personal appearance, physical and mental ability, political affiliation, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, and source of income;

WHEREAS, our community benefits economically, culturally, intellectually, and spiritually from the diversity of our people;

WHEREAS, every member of our community should be afforded the opportunity to live, work, go to school, raise a family, and enjoy all of the civic and personal benefits of Champaign-Urbana, free from discrimination, intolerance, and violence;

WHEREAS, our community was recently one of several targeted in a senseless and tragic two-state hate crime spree;

WHEREAS, the alleged perpetrator of these violent, hateful acts once shared in the benefits of our community, as did at least one of his victims;

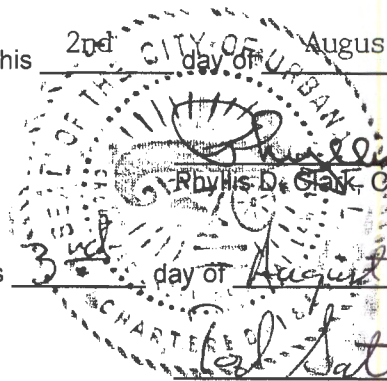
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS as follows:

(1) We express sympathy for Steven Kuo, a member of our community targeted and shot solely because of his race, and sympathy for all the victims and their families affected by these senseless hate crimes.

(2) We join individuals, families, businesses, schools, religious groups, and other organizations throughout Champaign-Urbana in our condemnation of these recent hate-motivated attacks, and of the racist attitudes and prejudicial beliefs that motivate such attacks.

(3) As we stand at the threshold of a new century, we pledge to work together as a community to leave behind today's intolerance and injustice and to use the strength of our diversity to build a strong, shared future.

PASSED by the City Council this 2nd day of August, 1999.



Phyllis D. Clark  
Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 3rd day of August, 1999.

Tod Satterthwaite  
Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor