

**As Introduced**

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**H. C. R. No. 19**

**Representatives Leland, Greenspan**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Antonio, Arndt, Ashford, Boggs, Boyd, Holmes,  
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**A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

To denounce and oppose the totalitarian impulses, violent 1  
terrorism, xenophobic biases, and bigoted ideologies 2  
that are promoted by white nationalists and neo-Nazis, 3  
to urge law enforcement to recognize white nationalist 4  
and neo-Nazi groups as terrorist organizations, and to 5  
pursue the criminal elements of these domestic 6  
terrorist organizations in the same manner and with 7  
the same fervor used to protect the United States from 8  
other manifestations of terrorism. 9

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The tragic events that took place on August 12, 10  
2017, in Charlottesville, Virginia, prove that organizations 11  
that promote intimidation and violent repression of individuals 12  
solely on the basis of their race, ethnicity, religion, sexual 13  
orientation, or immigration status remain very real threats to 14  
social and racial progress; and 15

WHEREAS, Throughout the course of our nation's history, 16  
various organizations have promoted intimidation and violent 17  
repression of individuals solely on the basis of their race, 18

ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or immigration status; 19  
and 20

WHEREAS, While free speech is a bedrock value for 21  
Americans, white nationalist and neo-Nazi groups promote agendas 22  
that are in irreconcilable conflict with our nation's 23  
foundational principles of liberty and justice for all; and 24

WHEREAS, White nationalism and neo-Nazism are continuing to 25  
grow as menaces to societal order that seek to reignite social 26  
animosities, reverse improvements in race relations, divide the 27  
nation, and foment hatred, classism, and ethnic eradication; and 28

WHEREAS, The white nationalist and neo-Nazi message of 29  
racial and social intolerance has led to senseless acts of 30  
violence that continue to terrorize members of ethnic and 31  
religious minority communities; now therefore be it 32

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General 33  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, strongly denounce and oppose the 34  
totalitarian impulses, violent terrorism, xenophobic biases, and 35  
bigoted ideologies that are promoted by white nationalists and 36  
neo-Nazis; and be it further 37

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 132nd General 38  
Assembly of the State of Ohio, urge law enforcement to recognize 39  
these white nationalist and neo-Nazi groups as terrorist 40  
organizations and to pursue the criminal elements of these 41  
domestic terrorist organizations in the same manner and with the 42  
same fervor used to protect the United States from other 43  
manifestations of terrorism; and be it further 44

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 45  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 46  
Governor of Ohio, the President of the United States, the 47  
Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, 48  
the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States 49

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Senate, each member of the Ohio Congressional delegation, and  
the news media of Ohio.

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