CITY OF DOVER
REVISED DRAFT PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2008-03

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WEEKEND BUS SERVICE

WHEREAS, many residents of Dover need to travel to locations within the city on weekends and not all Dover residents own or rent a vehicle or have other means of travel; and

WHEREAS, tax dollars collected by local, county, and state governments should be used to address the needs and wants of citizens, of which accessible and affordable public transportation is clearly one such need; and

WHEREAS, it is unfair to expect Dover citizens to pay the entire cost of public transportation~~;~~ and ~~**WHEREAS**~~**,** there is currently no public bus service in Dover on weekends.~~; and~~

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Dover is greatly encouraged by the planned one (1) year test of Saturday bus service for Dover and supports the continuation of weekend bus service in the City of Dover. ~~Human Relations Commission (DHRC) recommends that the Dover City Council consider funding some of the cost of weekend public bus service within the city.~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ~~the DHRC urges~~ the Dover City Council supports legislative efforts at the county and state level aimed at providing funding for public bus service in Dover on weekends.

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CITY OF DOVER
REVISED DRAFT PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2008-04 - HATE CRIMES

Whereas, the City of Dover ~~Dover Human Relations Commission~~ understands, recognizes and appreciates the dignity, worth, and potential of every individual~~;~~ and ~~Whereas, the City of Dover Dover Human Relations Commission~~ is strongly committed to supporting the rights guaranteed to every individual by our state, local, and national laws and to the assurance of justice and equal treatment under these laws; and

Whereas Public Law #103-322A, a federal law, defines a hate crime as: "a criminal offense committed against a person, property or society which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or ethnicity/national origin"; and

Whereas, Delaware Law -- 11 Del. C &1304 (2000) defines a hate crime ~~– for "hate crimes" says "any person who commits, or attempts to commit, any crimes as defined by the laws of this State, and who intentionally:Commits said~~ as a crime for the purpose of interfering with the victim's free exercise or enjoyment of any right, privilege or immunity protected by the First Amendment, ~~to the United States Constitution,~~ ***a crime committed*** ~~said crime~~ because the victim has exercised or enjoyed said rights, or ~~2. Selects the victim~~ because of the victim's race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry~~, shall be guilty of a hate crime. For purposes of this section, the term "sexual orientation" means heterosexuality, bisexuality, or homosexuality"~~; and

Whereas, such violence disrupts the tranquility and safety of communities and is deeply divisive; and

Whereas, state and local authorities are now and will continue to be responsible for prosecuting the overwhelming majority of violent crimes in the United States, including violent crimes motivated by bias and ~~Whereas~~, the City of Dover ~~Dover Human Relations Commission~~ is ~~adamantly~~ opposed to and condemns any form of discrimination; and

Whereas, when perpetrators of hate are not prosecuted as criminals and their acts not publicly condemned, their crimes can weaken even those communities with the healthiest race relations~~;~~ and ~~Whereas,~~ a core responsibility of government is to protect the civil rights of its citizens and to advance its inherent obligations to ensure good race and ethnic relations; and

Whereas, according to the International Association of Chiefs of Police hate crimes are often especially brutal or injurious.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the City of Dover ~~Dover Human Relations Commission~~ strongly supports hate crimes legislation at all levels of government~~;~~ and ~~Be it further resolved, that the City of Dover Dover Human Relations Commission~~ affirms its belief that the existence and effective enforcement of special laws addressing crimes based on prejudice sends a strong message that hate-based violence is particularly an anathema to the principles of freedom and equality forming the cornerstone of our democracy; and

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~~Be it further resolved, that the City of Dover Dover Human Relations Commission calls on all local, state, and regional law enforcement agencies to provide ongoing training for police officers for identifying, responding to and reporting all bias crimes; and Be it further resolved, that data on bias crimes be tracking~~***ed*** ~~and analys~~***ed***~~is of done; and~~

~~Be it further resolved, that the City of Dover Dover Human Relations Commission is committed to facilitate and coordinate discussions, training, and events for the benefit of everyone; and~~

Be it further resolved, that the City of Dover ~~Dover Human Relations Commission~~ is committed to continuing to provide a forum for citizens to talk about racial and ethnic relations and encourage citizens to discuss their differences, commonalities, hopes and dreams.~~; and~~

~~Be it further resolved, that the Dover Human Relations Commission is also committed to conducting and promoting forums to focus on the common features of community life, including economic development, education, transportation, environment, cultural and recreational opportunities, leadership, community attitudes, and racial and ethnic diversity; and~~

~~Be it further resolved, that the Dover Human Relations Commission is committed to promoting and conducting multicultural training and awareness and special events to promote harmony and stability; and~~

~~Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be distributed to all…~~

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