

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSING
SUPPORT FOR LEGISLATION DURING THE 2018 SESSION PROVIDING LAW
ENFORCEMENT STRONGER TOOLS TO ADDRESS CRIME THAT
DELIBERATELY TARGETS A VICTIM BECAUSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S
ANCESTRY, DISABILITY, ETHNICITY, GENDER, GENDER IDENTITY, NATIONAL
ORIGIN, RACE, RELIGION, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION**

WHEREAS, the United States of America's Declaration of Independence states that governments are instituted to secure mankind's unalienable rights; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 alone, Christian monuments have been destroyed, Muslim mosques have been burned, and bomb threats have been made against Jewish schools, synagogues, and community centers, including here in Utah; and

WHEREAS, when a criminal deliberately targets a victim because of an individual's ancestry, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, national origin, race, religion, or sexual orientation to deprive them of their unalienable right to life, liberty, property, or to pursue happiness, other members of that community are deeply affected, as is society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement has asked for stronger tools to address crime in which the offender targets victims to assist law enforcement in building better relations and trust with communities, and to more appropriately punish these vicious criminal acts,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SOUTH SALT LAKE, UTAH:

Section 1. The City of South Salt Lake joins with the Utah Attorney General, Salt Lake County District Attorney, the Statewide Association of Prosecutors, the Utah Chiefs of Police Association, the Utah Sheriffs' Association, the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, the Utah Sentencing Commission, the Utah Counsel on Victims of Crime, the Law Enforcement Legislative Committee, and many other religious and community groups in calling on the Utah State Legislature to act.

Section 2. A signed copy of this Resolution will be sent to all members of the Utah Legislature representing any constituents residing within the City of South Salt Lake.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of South Salt Lake, Utah, on this _____ day of _____, 2017.

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

Ben Pender, Council Chair

Council vote as recorded:

Beverly	_____
Kindred	_____
McConnell	_____
Mila	_____
Pender	_____
Rapp	_____
Siwik	_____

ATTEST:

Craig D. Burton, City Recorder