

IAOHRA Resolutions Committee Report

August 14, 2019

On Wednesday, August 7, 2019, at approximately 4:00 PM, IAOHRA's Resolutions Committee conducted a teleconference meeting to discuss recommending adoption of various resolutions then before the committee.

Present for this meeting were the following IAOHRA agency members (arranged alphabetically, by last name): Paul Booth, Tamie Dixon-Tatum, Jean Kelleher, and Paul Valenti.

The committee's meeting considered the following resolutions (the actual resolutions considered by the committee follow this report), taking the following actions:

1. Hate Crime Reporting

Motion by Tamie Dixon-Tatum to **recommend adoption** by the membership, seconded by Paul Booth, passed unanimously by the committee, with no minority recommendation/report.

2. Law Enforcement Accountability

Motion by Paul Booth to **recommend adoption** by the membership, seconded by Jean Kelleher, passed unanimously by the committee, with no minority recommendation/report.

3. Abolish Private Prisons

Motion by Paul Booth to **recommend adoption** by the membership, seconded by Jean Kelleher, discussion ensued on wording the resolution to read IAOHRA supports such efforts, motion passed unanimously by the committee, with no minority recommendation/report.

4. Innocent Inmate Compensation

Motion by Jean Kelleher to **recommend adoption** by the membership, seconded by Paul Booth, motion passed unanimously by the committee, with no minority recommendation/report.

5. Ending Murders of and Violence Against Black Transgender Women and Supporting Transgender Communities

Motion by Jean Kelleher to **recommend adoption** by the membership, seconded by Paul Valenti, motion passed unanimously by the committee, with no minority recommendation/report.

6. Promoting and Celebrating Eritrea & Ethiopia

Motion by Jean Kelleher to **recommend against adoption** by the membership, seconded by Tamie Dixon-Tatum, discussion ensued about this subject matter being outside the core mission of IAOHRA, passed unanimously by the committee, with no minority recommendation/report.

7. Condemnation of Islamophobia

Motion by Jean Kelleher to **recommend adoption** by the membership, seconded by Tamie Dixon-Tatum, discussion ensued on timeliness of the resolution given recent events, motion passed unanimously by the committee, with no minority recommendation/report.

8. Prescription Drug Affordability

Motion by Paul Booth to **recommend adoption** by the membership, seconded by Tamie Dixon-Tatum, discussion ensued on appropriateness of the resolution given IAOHRA's core mission, motion passed unanimously by the committee, with no minority recommendation/report.

9. 2020 Census

Motion by Jean Kelleher to **recommend adoption** by the membership, seconded by Paul Booth, discussion ensued on wording the resolution to read IAOHRA supports such efforts, motion passed unanimously by the committee, with no minority recommendation/report.

10. Flint Water Crisis

Motion by Tamie Dixon-Tatum to **recommend adoption** by the membership, seconded by Jean Kelleher, motion passed unanimously by the committee, with no minority recommendation/report.

11. Re-Defining "Black" in Standard Dictionaries

Motion by Paul Booth to **recommend adoption** by the membership, seconded by Jean Kelleher, motion passed unanimously by the committee, with no minority recommendation/report.

12. TITLE: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROMOTING AND PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS AS DEFINED IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Motion by Paul Valenti to **recommend adoption** by the membership, seconded by Paul Booth, motion passed unanimously by the committee, with no minority recommendation/report.

13. TITLE: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UN DECADE OF PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

Motion by Paul Valenti to **recommend adoption** by the membership, seconded by Paul Booth, motion passed unanimously by the committee, with no minority recommendation/report.

14. Title: The FCHR Celebrates 50 Years of Serving Florida and the Florida Civil Rights Act

Motion by Paul Valenti to **recommend adoption** by the membership, seconded by Jean Kelleher, motion passed unanimously by the committee, with no minority recommendation/report.

The committee then discussed presenting for recommended approval by the membership a resolution relating to gun safety. Discussion included using language from a similar resolution previously adopted by IAOhRA, to be updated to include recent events in the United States, including updated statistics, to the extent available. Paul Booth moved to recommend adoption of such a resolution as updated in alignment with the discussion, as to be drafted by Jean Kelleher. Tamie Dixon Tatum seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by the committee, with no minority recommendation/report.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at approximately 4:42 PM (Eastern Time).

Submitted – Paul Valenti, Southern Region Representative – Pinellas County Office of Human Rights

ADDENDUM – The following resolutions were considered by the Resolutions Committee by electronic communications after the meeting of August 7, 2019:

Resolution # 15, Title: IAOhRA's Expression of Gratitude to the City of Orlando, and the City of Orlando Office of Human Relations

Resolution # 16, Title: RESOLUTION TO THE IAOhRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PROPOSING A HUMAN RIGHTS APPROACH TO GUN VIOLENCE

Resolution # 17: Title: Condemnation of Conditions at U.S. Immigration Detention Centers

Resolution # 18: Title: Prohibiting Discrimination against Black Hair Textures and Hairstyles

Motion by Paul Valenti to **recommend adoption** of Resolutions # 16 through 19 by the membership, seconded by Paul Booth, motion passed unanimously by the members of the committee then present and voting via e-mail, with no minority recommendation/report.

END OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted – Paul Valenti, Southern Region Representative – Pinellas County Office of Human Rights