



**RESOLUTION OF THE MICHIGAN CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION
ADOPTED OCTOBER 12, 2010**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Civil Rights Commission is committed to building One Michigan; a state that embraces the value of diversity and honors the identity of all people.

AND WHEREAS, the Commission condemns all acts of hatred and intolerance that threaten this ideal to which we are committed.

AND WHEREAS, the Commission stands with all individuals, and particularly young individuals, as they face the trauma of bullying and other dangerous abuse.

AND WHEREAS, the Commission acknowledges the unnecessary tragedies that such harassment causes.

AND WHEREAS, the Commission condemns the conduct of Assistant Attorney General Andrew Shirvell targeting Christopher Armstrong, a University of Michigan student.

AND WHEREAS, such conduct should never be tolerated from anyone, let alone a public official responsible for representing all people equally.

AND WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes that the Attorney General is now taking disciplinary action, which the Commission hopes will result in the removal of this individual from an important public position.

AND WHEREAS, the Commission is aware that this conduct has caused the University of Michigan to ban Assistant Attorney General Shirvell from its campus.

AND WHEREAS, the Commission is concerned about the scope and nature of the involvement of Assistant Attorney General Shirvell in the execution of the work of the Office of the Attorney General.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Commission calls upon the Attorney General to make it clear that the Office of the Attorney General represents the interests of every Michigan resident equally, and to show that there is no room on his staff for an attorney who is unwilling to do so.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Commission calls upon the Attorney General to investigate the potential use of taxpayer-funded resources in the conduct of Assistant Attorney General Shrivell related to his activities involving University of Michigan student Christopher Armstrong.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Commission calls upon the Attorney General to immediately and publicly disclose the specific role(s) and responsibility(ies) of Assistant Attorney General Shirvell as it relates to the evaluation, execution and/or disposition of pending legislation, amicus briefs, and/or all other matters within the jurisdiction of the Office of the Attorney General, including but not limited to the issues of hate crime (bias motivated crime), bullying, and Elliott Larsen civil rights protections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Commission calls upon the Attorney General as Michigan's chief law enforcement officer to join with the Michigan Sheriffs Association, the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, the Michigan State Police and the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan in their support of the hate crime bill that has already been passed by the Michigan House of Representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Commission calls on the Michigan Legislature to put public safety first and pass the proposed comprehensive hate crime and school anti-bullying laws currently before the Michigan Senate.



Adopted the 12th day of October, 2010, by the
MICHIGAN CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION