

NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS
RESOLUTION OF MARCH 11, 2008
Supporting ADC-NJ Against Bigotry in the Election Process

WHEREAS, by an Act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey the New Jersey Commission on Civil Rights was created; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Civil Rights is charged under the law with consulting with and advising the Attorney General with respect to the work of the Division on Civil Rights, surveying and studying the operations of the Division, and reporting to the Governor and the Legislature with respect to such matters relating to the work of the Division and at such times as it may deem in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination was the first state-wide civil rights statute in the nation, and was designed to address discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations and contracts; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights is charged with enforcing the Law Against Discrimination and has been instrumental in informing the public and promoting the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination and combating unlawful discrimination; and

WHEREAS, consonant with the work of the Division and the Commission on Civil Rights; the mission of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee of New Jersey (ADC-NJ) is to defend the civil rights of all people and to promote civic participation; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Commission and Division on Civil Rights have worked collaboratively with the ADC-NJ to improve community relations and understanding among all of New Jersey's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the ADC-NJ was subjected to the bigoted attacks during a New Jersey State Senate Race in the November 2007 election; and

WHEREAS, the ADC-NJ and its constituents responded with tolerance, dignity and forbearance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this date, March 11, 2008 by the New Jersey Commission on Civil Rights that the members of the Commission fully condemn the attacks against our fellow New Jerseyans of Arab and Muslim descent and hereby supports the ADC-NJ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Jersey Commission on Civil Rights hereby supports the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee of New Jersey for participating in their civic duty as is the right of every American citizen; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Commission believes in equal rights and protections for all citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Division shall ensure that a copy of this Resolution is transmitted to the Legislative leadership, Attorney General, and the Governor, and shall have a copy posted on the website of the Division under the Commission's link.