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7           *Whereas, After the atrocities of the Second World War, the*  
8 *United Nations adopted the Convention on the Prevention and*  
9 *Punishment of the Crime of Genocide on December 9th, 1948;*

10           *Whereas, That treaty defined “genocide” as: any of the*  
11 *following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in*  
12 *part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such:*  
13 *killing members of the group, causing serious bodily or mental*  
14 *harm to members of the group, deliberately inflicting on the*  
15 *group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical*  
16 *destruction in whole or in part, imposing measures intended to*  
17 *prevent births within the group, and forcibly transferring*  
18 *children of the group to another group;*

19           *Whereas, Crimes Against Humanity are defined according*  
20 *to Article 7 of the Rome Statute as: For the purpose of this*  
21 *Statute, ‘crime against humanity’ means any of the following*  
22 *acts when committed as part of a widespread or systematic*  
23 *attack directed against any civilian population, with knowledge*  
24 *of the attack: murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation*  
25 *or forcible transfer of population, imprisonment or other severe*  
26 *deprivation of physical liberty in violation of fundamental rules*



1 *of international law, torture, rape, sexual slavery, enforced*  
2 *prostitution, forced pregnancy, enforced sterilization, or any*  
3 *other form of sexual violence of comparable gravity,*  
4 *persecution against any identifiable group or collectivity*  
5 *on political, racial, national, ethnic, cultural, religious, [and]*  
6 *gender, enforced disappearance of persons, the crime of*  
7 *apartheid, other inhumane acts of a similar character*  
8 *intentionally causing great suffering, or serious injury to body*  
9 *or to mental or physical health;*

10 *Whereas, Hoosiers and the State of Indiana value universal*  
11 *respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and believe*  
12 *that all persons and citizens of the world deserve justice,*  
13 *equality, safety, and security;*

14 *Whereas, The Indiana House of Representatives in House*  
15 *Resolution 8 of 2020 declared April each year as Genocide*  
16 *Awareness Month;*

17 *Whereas, The State of Indiana routinely purchases from*  
18 *and invests in corporations having global operations and*  
19 *supply chains;*

20 *Whereas, Hoosiers and the Indiana General Assembly*  
21 *recognize the role that local communities and governments can*  
22 *take to promote the practice of ethical procurement and ethical*  
23 *investment in accordance with their values;*

24 *Whereas, Hoosiers have historically employed their*  
25 *procurement and investment power to pressure corporations to*  
26 *end their complicity in the apartheid system in South Africa,*  
27 *religious discrimination in both Northern Ireland and against*  
28 *Jews in the former Soviet Union, and the genocide in Darfur,*  
29 *Sudan; and*

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31 *Whereas, communities throughout Indiana have themselves*  
32 *been victims of, and endured acts of, genocide or human rights*  
33 *atrocities in their countries of origin: Therefore,*

34 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*



1                   *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*  
2   *concurring:*

3           SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly and the  
4 State of Indiana supports and promotes that all persons,  
5 regardless of where they were born, have basic human rights  
6 and fundamental freedoms, and that it is all governments' and  
7 citizens' moral obligation to recognize and respect these rights  
8 and freedoms.

9           SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly continues  
10 to condemn all internationally recognized genocides, crimes  
11 against humanity, and other mass atrocities and that the Indiana  
12 General Assembly seeks to foster relationships with  
13 corporations and/or other organizations that avoid engaging in  
14 business practices with governments and/or corporations  
15 complicit in genocide, crimes against humanity, and other mass  
16 atrocities to ensure the ethical procurement of resources and  
17 ethical development and maintenance of supply chains.

18           SECTION 3. That the Indiana General Assembly will  
19 explore ways to support the ethical procurement and  
20 responsible investment of taxpayer dollars in the marketplace  
21 for goods, services, and capital in accordance with our values  
22 and to employ our economic power as part of a global  
23 constituency against genocide, crimes against humanity, and  
24 other mass atrocities.

25           SECTION 4. That the Indiana General Assembly will look  
26 for guidance from locally and nationally recognized  
27 organizations to educate Hoosiers about genocide, crimes  
28 against humanity, and other mass atrocities, as well as what  
29 Hoosiers can do to help prevent or mitigate genocidal violence.

