1999 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 4

January 12, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives Freese, Jensen, Bock, Reynolds, Stone, Turner, Urban, Coggs, Porter, Riley, Musser, Sykora, Ladwig, Plale, Gronemus, Montgomery, Grothman, Goetsch, Black, Pocan, Kedzie, Walker, Plouff, Kreibich and Gundrum. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 Relating to: denouncing the hate-filled messages of the Ku Klux Klan and 2 commending the citizens of the city of Madison and others who take part in 3 rejecting the hate-filled messages of the Ku Klux Klan. 4 Whereas, Madison, Wisconsin, is a city with a long history of ethnic and racial 5 harmony and diversity and was named "The best city to live in" in 1996; and 6 Whereas, the Ku Klux Klan plans to hold a rally in Madison on January 16, 7 1999, to spread its racist, homophobic, anti-Catholic and anti-Semitic messages; 8 and 9 Whereas, the purpose of the rally is to seek publicity for its message of 10 intolerance, to breed animosity and to divide the community; and 11 Whereas, concerned citizens and organizations plan on holding a counterdemonstration on January 16, 1999; and 12 13 Whereas, the counterdemonstration will provide a peaceful forum for citizens 14 who reject hate-group tactics and embrace the strength that comes from a diverse

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community; now, therefore, be it

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Resolved by the assembly, That the assembly hereby denounces the hate-filled messages of the Ku Klux Klan; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly commends the citizens of the city of Madison, and others who take part in rejecting the hate-filled messages of the Ku Klux Klan, in their efforts to build bridges of brotherhood, understanding and mutual respect.

6 (END)