

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.136

Senator Santana offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the Governor to ban the display of the
2 Confederate flag from all state properties.

3 Whereas, The Confederate flag is a symbol of immense hatred
4 which seeks to celebrate the most disgraceful aspects of our
5 nation's history. The flag was first used as a banner and emblem
6 for those who fought to maintain a system where humans were owned
7 by other humans – a system of slavery. In the year's after the
8 Civil War, the flag was - and continues to be - used to intimidate,
9 harass, and terrorize black people and their communities; and

10 Whereas, Displaying a Confederate flag is a direct affront to
11 the one in seven Michiganders who are of African descent and has no
12 place on state property. The Confederate flag is a symbol of white
13 supremacy that dishonors the memory of the brave Michiganders who

1 fought and died to end slavery and who have continued to make
2 sacrifices for civil rights in the century and a half since; and

3 Whereas, There is no law prohibiting the display of the
4 Confederate flag on state property. The Governor, through the
5 executive power vested in her by the state constitution, should
6 make clear that this symbol of hatred and oppression has no place
7 in this state by directing that no properties under the control of
8 the state of Michigan may display the Confederate flag; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Governor to ban the
11 display of the Confederate flag on state properties, including the
12 state Capitol; and be it further

13 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
14 Governor.