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**RESOLUTION**  
**EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE IN CONVEYING**  
**ITS PROFOUND SYMPATHY TO THE PEOPLE OF NORWAY**  
**AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE DISASTER BROUGHT BY**  
**THE BOMBING IN OSLO AND THE CARNAGE IN UTOYA ISLAND**

*WHEREAS*, on July 22, 2011, a bomb explosion occurred in the central government district of Oslo in Norway, killing 8 people and leaving several others wounded;

*WHEREAS*, the bomb, which shook the city center in mid-afternoon, blew out the windows of the prime minister's building and damaged the finance and oil ministry buildings;

*WHEREAS*, a few hours later, a gunman disguised in a blue police uniform opened fire at a youth camp of Norway's ruling political party in Utoya Island, northwest of Oslo;

*WHEREAS*, witnesses said the gunman moved across the island firing at random at around 600 young people gathered for a meeting of the youth group of Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg's ruling Labor party;

*WHEREAS*, according to media reports, the total number of confirmed deaths caused by the shooting spree now stands at 68. The overall death toll from both attacks reached 76;

*WHEREAS*, after the shooting, the police seized a 32-year old Norwegian man who was later identified as Anders Behring Breivik and was characterized by officials as a right-wing extremist. The suspect's Internet postings also suggest that he has anti-Muslim views;

*WHEREAS*, officials said the suspect had also been seen in Oslo before the explosions. The police and other authorities declined to say what the suspect's motivations might

have been, but many speculated that the target was Prime Minister Stoltenberg's liberal government;

*WHEREAS*, the police initially believed that Breivik is responsible for the pair of terror attacks in central Oslo and Utoya Island. Breivik has confessed to both assaults but denied criminal responsibility for them. He told the court that he wanted to save Europe from Muslim immigration and warned that there are two other cells of his terror network;

*WHEREAS*, media reports say that the attacks have been the most violent events to strike Norway since World War II;

*WHEREAS*, these violent attacks on peaceful citizens should be condemned in the strongest terms.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, to express the sense of the Senate in conveying its profound sympathy to the people of Norway as a consequence of the disaster brought by the bombing in Oslo and the carnage in Utoya Island.

Adopted,

  
**LOREN LEGARDA**  
Senator