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**Title:** Resolution calling upon Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express to refrain from advertising their credit card services on the website of the "National Alliance," and from doing business with this organization, which is a well-known neo-Nazi group.

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4/9/2003	*	Committee on General Welfare	Amendment Proposed by Comm	
4/9/2003	A	Committee on General Welfare	Approved by Committee	Pass
4/9/2003	*	Committee on General Welfare	Amended by Committee	
4/9/2003	A	City Council	Approved, by Council	Pass

Proposed Res. No. 660-A

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By Council Members Avella, Nelson, Felder, Stewart, Quinn, Addabbo, Clarke, Comrie, Davis, Fidler, Gennaro, Koppell, Liu, Lopez, Martinez, Monserrate, Provenzano, Recchia, Reed, Reyna, Sanders, Seabrook, Sears, Serrano, Vann, Weprin, Yassky, Jackson, Brewer and Gerson

Whereas, The National Alliance is a neo-Nazi organization which has been recognized by the Anti-Defamation League as "the most dangerous organized hate group in America"; and

Whereas, The National Alliance has established "one of the most technically sophisticated sites on the World Wide Web, exploiting the potential power of the Internet to showcase its racist and neo-Nazi ideology and peddle its wares"; and  
 Whereas, The four major credit card companies in the United States-Visa,

MasterCard, Discover and American Express advertise on this reprehensible website; each has its logo prominently placed in a banner advertisement directly above the "Book Catalogue" section on the home page of the National Alliance website; and Whereas, The actions of these four companies in allowing their services to

be used on a website that disseminates propaganda are an outrage and cannot be allowed to continue unopposed; and

Whereas, It is a moral imperative to voice opposition to abhorrent business practices such as these which give support, innocently or otherwise, to groups like the National Alliance which preach hate and violence to anyone who will listen; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express to refrain from advertising their credit card services on the website of the "National Alliance," and from doing business with this organization, which is a well-known neo-Nazi group.

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