

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-146

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
RECOGNIZING THE GROWING PROBLEM OF ANTI-
SEMITISM IN AMERICA AND ADOPTING THE
INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE
ALLIANCE (IHRA), WORKING DEFINITION OF
ANTISEMITISM THAT HAS BECOME THE
INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED, AUTHORITATIVE
DEFINITION FOR USE BY GOVERNMENTS AND
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

WHEREAS, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) is an intergovernmental organization founded in 1998 which unites governments and experts to strengthen, advance and promote Holocaust education, research and remembrance worldwide to uphold the commitments of the Declaration of the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust, and the IHRA has 34-member countries, including one liaison country and seven observer countries; and

WHEREAS, by consensus vote of its members, adopted a Working Definition of Antisemitism in May 2016, which has become the internationally recognized, authoritative definition for use by governments and international organizations. That definition reads in full:

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

WHEREAS, antisemitism, including harassment on the basis of actual or perceived Jewish origin, ancestry, ethnicity, identity, affiliation, or faith, remains a persistent, pervasive, and disturbing problem in American society; and

WHEREAS, Jews continue to be a targeted minority in the United States and around the world, and are consistently the most likely of all religious groups to be victimized by incidents of hate, and such incidents are increasing at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, examples of antisemitism against Jews in America, include these 11 contemporary examples:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion.
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews or the power of Jews as a collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.

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- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. crematoriums, gas chambers and diabolical medical atrocities) or intentionality denying the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany Worker's Party (the Nazis) and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of the State of Israel is a racist endeavor or denying Jewish ancestry there since time immemorial.
- Applying double standards by requiring of Israel a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation.
- Engaging in clichés, tropes or speech in a demeaning or derogatory fashion about Jews or the Jewish people for running businesses, in academia, in government or engaged in other endeavors.
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.
- Criticism of Israel and the Jews as the collective fault for the world's ills.

WHEREAS, specific examples of anti-Semitism include but regrettably are not limited to:

- The deadliest attack against the American Jewish community that took place on October 27, 2018 at the Tree of Life Synagogue mass shooting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where a gunman killed eleven worshippers and injured several more during services.
- The murder of a woman and three others who were wounded on the last day of Passover in April 2019 in a synagogue near San Diego because the gunman told the 911 dispatcher that the Jews were trying to "destroy all white people."
- In 2019 in New Jersey several gunmen who stole a U-Haul drove it to a kosher store, parked and stormed toward the store with rifles in hand and began shooting, killing several civilians and a police officer, and wounding two other police officers.
- In August 2020 the Chabad synagogue at the University of Delaware was set ablaze by an arsonist.

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- Some 60 bomb threats during January 2017 in Jewish Community Centers (JCCs) across the United States.

- 75 to 100 Jewish headstones at the Mount Carmel Cemetery were knocked over in 2017 and more than 100 at the Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery, and in 2019 in Fall River, Massachusetts 59 Jewish gravestones were damaged and vandalized with swastikas and anti-Semitic memes.

WHEREAS, state officials and institutions have a responsibility to protect all of its citizens from acts of hate and bigotry, including antisemitism, and must be given the tools to do so; and

WHEREAS, antisemitism includes the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity that charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity and are often used to blame Jews for “why things go wrong”, as distinguished from legitimate and constructive criticism of the State of Israel and of Jews; and

WHEREAS, Criminal acts are antisemitic when the target of the attacks are against the Jewish people or their property or where the attacks are selected because they are perceived to be or are linked to Jews; and

WHEREAS, the safety of Jewish students on college campuses and schools, in their synagogues, at Jewish institutions, in their businesses, and in their homes and on the streets, simply must be condemned and cannot be tolerated; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, the IHRA Working Definition is utilized by various government and law enforcement agencies in monitoring, training, and education, including the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the IHRA Working Definition has proven to be an essential tool used to determine contemporary manifestations of antisemitism.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1: The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble to this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2: The Mayor and City Council adopt the non-legally binding International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism.

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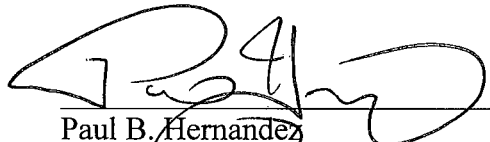
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Section 3: The Mayor and City Council will ensure that the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism is available as an educational resource for the Department of Police and other city agencies responsible for addressing antisemitism and other forms of discrimination.

Section 4. The City Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Miami Dade and Florida League of Cities, and such other authorities as may be appropriate.

Section 5: This resolution shall become effective upon signature of the Mayor of the City of Hialeah, Florida or at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting, if the Mayor's signature is withheld or if the City Council overrides the Mayor's veto.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27 day of October, 2020.



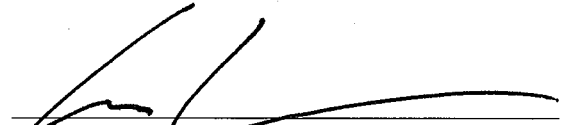
Paul B. Hernandez
Council President

Attest:

Approved on this 10 day of November, 2020.




Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk



Mayor Carlos Hernandez

~~Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:~~



Lorena E. Bravo, City Attorney

Resolution was adopted by 6-0-1 vote with Councilmembers, Cue-Fuente, Garcia-Roves, Hernandez, Perez, Tundidor and Zogby voting "Yes" and with Council Vice President De la Rosa absent.