

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 55

Approved February 10, 2021

WHEREAS, January 27th, the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau, has been designated by the United Nations General Assembly as International Holocaust Remembrance Day; and

WHEREAS, Six million souls, including one and half million children, were cruelly murdered during the Holocaust, which was the systematic and state-sponsored persecution and attempted obliteration of the culture and religion of the Jewish people from 1933 to 1945; and

WHEREAS, January 27th marks the annual day of commemoration honoring the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust in addition to the Roma and Sinti, Slavs, disabled persons, LGBTQ+ individuals, and many others, who were murdered by the Nazi regime; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 40,000 prisons, forced labor, concentration, and death camps existed across Germany and its occupied territories and the heinous and despicable atrocities committed by the Nazis during the Holocaust is one of the most inhumane periods of human history; and

WHEREAS, Thousands of Jewish men, women, and children as well as great scholars and Rabbis call Providence and Rhode Island home and have intimate connections and continue to feel the remnants of the destruction of lives, synagogues, and yeshivas at the hands of Nazis and deep-seated anti-Semitism; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent on all of us in the community to advance human rights, educate City residents, and advocate for Israel and the understanding, preservation, and the beautiful cultural heritage of the Jewish people; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council acknowledges the suffering of the holocaust survivors and recognizes, supports, and affirms the importance of International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council reaffirms its commitment to counter and fight against antisemitism, racism, ideologies of hatred, and all other forms of bigotry and intolerance that may lead to targeted violence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Jewish Alliance of Greater Rhode Island, the Rhode Island Jewish Museum, and Providence synagogues such as Temple Beth-El, Congregation Beth Sholom, Temple Emanu-El, Sha'arei Tefilla, Chabad of Providence, Congregation Mishkon Tfiloh and Sons of Jacob Synagogue.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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PRES.

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I HEREBY APPROVE.

Mayor

Date:

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