

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- 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, including here in Indiana;
- WHEREAS, antisemitism is an evil that seeks to harm and divide people, instill fear in our communities, erode trust in institutions and government, and undermine freedom and democracy;
- WHEREAS, Jewish people continue to be a targeted minority and are, according to FBI statistics and other reporting, consistently the most likely of all religious groups to be victimized by acts of hate, and such incidents have been increasing at an alarming rate in recent years;
- WHEREAS, while freedom of expression is a core American value, many Jewish Hoosiers, including students, do not feel safe living or expressing their Judaism;
- WHEREAS, the State of Indiana rejects and condemns antisemitism and bigotry of any kind toward all people;
- WHEREAS, state officials and institutions have a responsibility to protect citizens from acts of hatred, bigotry, and violence motivated by discriminatory animus, including antisemitism;
- WHEREAS, the State of Indiana is committed to fighting antisemitism in all forms and will continue to work with partners at all levels of government to help ensure that every Jewish Hoosier feels safe and protected;
- WHEREAS, the State of Indiana recognizes that defining antisemitism is essential for raising public awareness and understanding so that it can be fully and effectively confronted and eliminated;
- WHEREAS, while there can be no exhaustive definition of antisemitism because it takes many forms, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Working Definition of Antisemitism and the examples included therein (collectively, the "Working Definition") has been adopted or endorsed by federal agencies and numerous states, cities, educational institutions, countries, and other organizations;
- WHEREAS, the Working Definition provides a clear, comprehensive, and non-legally binding definition that can be used to determine contemporary manifestations of antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, in a time of increasing antisemitism, we must be vigilant in ensuring that Hoosiers are fully aware of, understand, and feel safe in speaking out against antisemitism, and the Working Definition can help in that regard;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim that:

1. My administration believes the Working Definition is a vital resource for combatting antisemitism that, importantly, can help facilitate constructive discourse, greater understanding, as well as a more thoughtful response to this harmful and wholly unacceptable bigotry that impacts us all.
2. The State of Indiana condemns antisemitism and stands in solidarity with the Jewish community in the face of this pernicious and insidious hatred.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Eric J. Holcomb, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana, on this 18th day of March, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric J. Holcomb". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Eric J. Holcomb
Governor of Indiana