

RESOLUTION NO. 23-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE NON-LEGALLY BINDING INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE (IHRA) WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM AS AN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE TO DETERMINE MANIFESTATIONS OF ANTISEMITISM AND OTHER FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION IN THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Hate Crime Statistics Supplemental Report, released in December 2022, 51.4% of religion-related incidents were Anti-Jewish incidents, which was the largest religion-based hate crime category; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Americans continue to be victimized by incidents of hate in the United States and such incidents are increasing at an alarming rate; and

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

WHEREAS, valid monitoring, informed analysis and investigation, and effective policymaking all benefit from accurate and uniform definitions; and

WHEREAS, in May 2016, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance ("IHRA"), by consensus vote of its member states, adopted the Working Definition of Antisemitism, including eleven (11) contemporary examples, which has become the internationally recognized, authoritative definition for use by governments and international organizations; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2016, the IHRA Plenary in Budapest adopted the non-legally binding Working Definition of Antisemitism as follows:

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, the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism has proven to be an essential tool used to determine contemporary manifestations of antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, the IHRA Working definition of Antisemitism is used by agencies of the United States Government and has been adopted or endorsed by more than 1,178 entities across the world including by 41 countries, over 485 municipalities and regional governments, over 346 educational institutions, and 306 other organizations; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism is utilized by various government and law enforcement agencies in monitoring, training, and education, including by the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Department of Education, and has been adopted by 31 U.S. States and more than 69 U.S. counties and cities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Lauderdale values religious diversity and interfaith tolerance, and the Jewish community is an inseparable part of the social fabric and culture in the City of Fort Lauderdale;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the recitals and findings contained in the whereas clauses to this Proclamation are hereby adopted by reference and incorporated herein as if fully set forth in this Section.

SECTION 2. That the City of Fort Lauderdale recognizes the growing problem of antisemitism in the United States and adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) non-legally binding Working Definition of Antisemitism.

SECTION 3. That the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism is available as an educational resource to determine manifestations of antisemitism, and other forms of discrimination, in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final adoption.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:

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DAVID R. SOLOMAN

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