

Resolution No.:

Meeting Date: March 14, 2023

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
DENOUNCING ANTISEMITIC RHETORIC AND HATE CRIMES TOWARDS JEWISH
PEOPLE IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors supports creating inclusive and accepting communities for all residents of San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is home to tens of thousands Jewish people¹; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish people have maintained a unique ethnic, religious, social, and cultural identity, and diverse ethnic history for more than 5,000 years, and

WHEREAS, Jewish peoplehood is reflected in a diverse and multifaceted reality that spans continents, wide-ranging religious expressions, political attitudes, ethnic cultures, and is bound by a spiritual and historical attachment to the Land of Israel; and

WHEREAS, calls for the destruction of Israel along with, anti-Jewish, and antisemitic, bullying, vandalism, heated rhetoric, physical assaults, and violence have been on the rise in recent years; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 an armed gunman opened fire in a San Diego County synagogue during services resulting in one death and multiple injuries; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported a 6 percent increase in hate crimes from the previous year, representing the highest total in 12 years, and found that attacks against Jews or Jewish institutions made up nearly 60 percent of all religious-based hate crimes; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) tabulated 2,717 antisemitic incidents in the United States, a 34 percent increase from the 2,026 incidents tabulated in 2020, and the highest number on record since the ADL began tracking incidents in 1979; and

WHEREAS, no individual or group within San Diego County should be a target of discrimination, or fear retaliation, derision, bullying, isolation, or violence because of their identity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors denounces the rise in antisemitic rhetoric and hate-motivated crimes and incidents that denigrate Jewish people in the County of San Diego.

¹ (Demographic Study of the San Diego Jewish Population 2003 (Ukeles and Associates Inc, 2003)

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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