

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

Senator Moss offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize April 29, 2023, as #EndJewHatredDay.

2 Whereas, For millennia, the Jewish people have sustained their
3 shared religious, cultural, and ethnic identity and traditions in
4 the face of enslavement, persecution, genocide, segregation and
5 discrimination, and all manner of adversity; and

6 Whereas, Ever since the first Jew set foot in America, members
7 of the Jewish community have made indelible contributions to the
8 culture, history, and social fabric of Michigan and the United
9 States of America, strengthening the country and helping shape all
10 areas of American life; and

11 Whereas, The belief in the greatness of the American way of
12 life, the freedoms enshrined in American law and jurisprudence, and

1 the opportunities sustained by American democracy drew generations
2 of Jewish immigrants to America, including Jews fleeing persecution
3 and pogroms in Europe and the Middle East, Holocaust survivors, and
4 Jews trapped behind the Iron Curtain; and

5 Whereas, This history encouraged many Jews to become leading
6 proponents and supporters of the civil rights movement, marching
7 shoulder to shoulder with African Americans and others, united in
8 support for equal rights, equal protection under the law, and the
9 recognition and respect of human dignity; and

10 Whereas, The Jewish community has prominently participated in
11 virtually every civil rights effort in the American experience,
12 fighting against discrimination and bigotry in all its forms and
13 demanding the equal rights of every member of society; and

14 Whereas, Despite the advances made in promoting social justice
15 for other minority groups, the Jewish community continues to be
16 subjected to antisemitism and Jew-hatred, including discrimination
17 in the workplace, at school, and in public spaces; and

18 Whereas, This antisemitism and Jew-hatred has manifested in
19 places of work, on campuses, and in society, expressing itself as
20 both discrimination and violence targeting Jews for their identity
21 and seeking to deny their shared identity, including their
22 indigenous connection to their ancestral homeland; and

23 Whereas, Hate crimes directed against the Jewish community
24 have skyrocketed in recent years, inspiring the formation of a
25 grassroots End Jew Hatred civil rights movement to alter public
26 discourse and make Jew-hatred unacceptable in contemporary society,
27 empowering Jews with positivity and strength to discover and enjoy
28 their heritage in whichever manner they choose, without fear of
29 attack or persecution; and

1 Whereas, We all share an obligation to condemn and combat Jew-
2 hatred in all its forms; and

3 Whereas, April 29, 2022 marked the recognition of the first
4 “#EndJewHatred Day,” where people joined together to commit to
5 ending Jew-hatred across the United States and to work towards the
6 promise of a bright future that can only be achieved by fighting
7 racism and bigotry today; and

8 Whereas, We recognize the urgent need to stand resolute
9 against Jew-hatred so that the intergenerational trauma of the past
10 shall never be repeated; now, therefore, be it

11 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
12 body recognize April 29, 2023, as #EndJewHatredDay; and be it
13 further

14 Resolved, That we condemn Jew-hatred in all its forms and
15 shall stand resolute to end discrimination against, and persecution
16 of, the Jewish community.