

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5030

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the growing problem of antisemitism in the United States and calling for the adoption of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Working Definition of Antisemitism as an important tool to address the problem.

WHEREAS, Antisemitism, including harassment based on actual or perceived Jewish origin, ancestry, ethnicity, identity, affiliation or faith, remains a persistent and disturbing problem in American society; and

WHEREAS, The Jewish community continues to be targeted in the United States and is consistently the most likely of all religious groups to be victimized by incidents of hate; and

WHEREAS, Incidents motivated by antisemitism are increasing at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, The deadliest attack to date against the American Jewish community took place on October 27, 2018, at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, This senseless act of violence took the lives of 11 members of the Tree of Life, New Light and Dor Hadash congregations; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Jewish community has experienced firsthand the deadly result of antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, On April 13, 2014, three people lost their lives due to antisemitic attacks at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City and the Village Shalom, both located in Overland Park, Kansas; and

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

WHEREAS, Valid monitoring, informed analysis, investigation and effective policy-making benefit from accurate and uniform definitions; and

WHEREAS, In May 2016, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), by a consensus vote of its member states, adopted a Working Definition of Antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, The IHRA's Working Definition of Antisemitism includes eleven examples of contemporary antisemitism that capture some of the many ways antisemitism manifests itself, whether in public life, media, schools, the workplace or the religious sphere; and

WHEREAS, The IHRA's Working Definition of Antisemitism has become the internationally recognized and authoritative definition used by governments, international organizations and educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, The IHRA's Working Definition of Antisemitism is utilized by numerous government and law enforcement agencies, including the United States Department of State and the United States Department of Education, in monitoring, training and education; and

WHEREAS, The IHRA's Working Definition of Antisemitism has been adopted through legislative or executive action in an increasing number of U.S. states: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: The state of Kansas adopts the non-legally binding International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance Working Definition of Antisemitism, including the 11 contemporary examples; and

Be it further resolved: The Kansas Department of Administration shall ensure that the IHRA's Working Definition of Antisemitism is made available as an educational resource for all state agencies; and

Be it further resolved: Nothing in this resolution shall be construed to diminish or infringe upon any right protected under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the State of Kansas.

I hereby certify that the above CONCURRENT RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Adopted by the SENATE

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.