

RESOLUTION 58-22

SPONSOR: MAYOR JOHN M. ANTARAMIAN

IN SUPPORT OF KENOSHA'S JEWISH COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2022, a man held Jewish worshipers in a Colleyville, Texas synagogue hostage for 11 hours; and

WHEREAS, we stand in solidarity with the Congregation Beth Israel community in Colleyville and the entire Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, according to the Anti-Defamation League's most recent Audit of Antisemitic Incidents, "assault, harassment and vandalism against Jewish people remain at near historic levels in the US"; and

WHEREAS, this pattern of violence against Jewish people includes the 2018 attack on the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where 11 worshippers were killed, and a deadly anti-Semitic attack on a congregation in Poway, California, the following year; and

WHEREAS, the incidents on January 15, 2022 are a reminder that we must continue to educate ourselves, speak out against, and prevent antisemitism and hate locally, nationally, and globally; and

WHEREAS, City Administration has been made aware that anti-Semitic materials have been distributed within the City of Kenosha five times since December 2021; and

WHEREAS, everyone has the right to pray and practice religion safely; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenosha is committed to a safe, inclusive, and just society; and

WHEREAS, a safe, inclusive and just City has no place for hate against specific groups.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Kenosha Mayor and Common Council condemn antisemitism, discrimination, racism, hate, and violence and stand in solidarity with our Jewish community members.

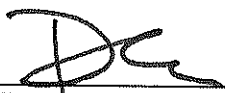
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Kenosha Mayor and Common Council affirm our commitment to creating a safe, inclusive, and just City where religious groups are able to practice their religion freely and safely.

BE IT STILL FUTHER RESOLVED that the City of Kenosha Mayor and Common Council make clear that Kenosha must be free of anti-Semitic actions and a place where we are committed to supporting the wellness of our Jewish neighbors.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City of Kenosha Mayor and Common Council stand in solidarity with our Jewish community as we strive to make our City a safe, inclusive, and equitable place for all.


Adopted this 4th day of April, 2022.

ATTEST:


DEBRA GEMLER, Interim City Clerk

Date: 04/07/2022

APPROVED:


JOHN M. ANTARAMIAN, Mayor

Date: 04/07/2022

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