



City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In the City Council, January 20, 2022

Upon the Recommendation of: Councilor Jamila Gore
 Councilor Karen Foster
 Councilor Alex Jarrett
 Councilor Rachel Maiore

R-22.015 A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ANTISEMITISM IN OUR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, at the December 28, 2021 Board of Health meeting, there were members of the public who made antisemitic comments, identified themselves using antisemitic tropes, and/or displayed Nazi symbols in their Zoom image, and

WHEREAS, Northampton's Health Director and volunteer Board of Health members have, for nearly two years now, guided Northampton through the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, making difficult decisions in the interest of public health and protecting the residents of our city, and

WHEREAS, antisemitism exacts a heavy toll on our Jewish community members, and like all forms of hate, seeks to create a larger environment of fear, division, intimidation and oppression for all residents, and

WHEREAS, Northampton has a long history of showing up on the side of equality and justice and standing up against hate and bigotry.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Northampton, Massachusetts calls on all local public officials, residents, and visitors to stand in solidarity with our Jewish family, friends, neighbors, and community members and condemn and denounce antisemitism in any form, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Northampton recognizes that the Health Department and Board of Health need to make difficult decisions in the interest of public health and to protect our community members. We commend them on their tireless dedication and leadership during the challenge of a global pandemic, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrative Assistant to the City Council shall send a copy of this Resolution to Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, Health Director Merridith O'Leary, and all members of the Board of Health.

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In the City Council, January 20, 2022

Upon the Recommendation of
Councilor James Gore
Councilor Kevin Foster
Councilor Alex Janett
Councilor Rachel Moore

R-22-013 A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ANTISEMITISM IN OUR COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, at the December 28, 2021 Board of Health meeting, three ward members of the public who made enthusiastic comments identified themselves using antisemitic tropes, and/or displayed Nazi symbols in their Zoom image, and

WHEREAS, Northampton's Health Director and volunteer Board of Health members have for nearly two years now, guided Northampton through the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, making difficult decisions in the interest of public health and protecting the residents of our city, and

WHEREAS, antisemitism exacts a heavy toll on our Jewish community members, and like all forms of hate, seeks to create a larger environment of fear, distrust, intimidation and oppression for all residents, and

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Adopted in Final Reading on Roll Call Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

Attest: Lana Krutka, Clerk of Council

Approved: Gina-Louise Sciarra, Mayor

Rules suspended, passed final reading and enrolled.

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Northampton City Council on January 20, 2022

Gina-Louise Sciarra, Mayor approved the Resolution on January 25, 2022

Attest: Lana Krutka, Clerk of Council