



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capital
Boise

WHEREAS, on International Holocaust Remembrance Day we recall the 6 million lives lost during the most tragic genocide in modern history; and

WHEREAS, we must never forget the horrific events of the Holocaust and must teach them to our children; and

WHEREAS, antisemitism is an evil that threatens not only those who subscribe to the Jewish faith but all people, no matter creed or background; and

WHEREAS, our great state has a storied Jewish history and an active Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, even in our home state we have seen several grotesque acts of antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, to raise awareness of antisemitism's danger, and vanquish this hatred, it will take a bold act of unity, by people all across the United States and across Idaho; and

WHEREAS, antisemitism, including harassment on the basis of actual or perceived Jewish origin, ancestry, ethnicity, identify, affiliation, or faith, remains a persistent, pervasive, and disturbing problem in contemporary American society; and

WHEREAS, Jewish people continue to be a targeted minority in the United States; and

WHEREAS, state officials and institutions have a responsibility to protect citizens from acts of hate and bigotry motivated by discriminatory animus, including antisemitism, and must be given the tools to do so; and

WHEREAS, while there can be no exhaustive definition of antisemitism, as it can take many forms, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism, including its associated examples, has been an essential definitional tool used to determine contemporary manifestations of antisemitism, and includes useful examples of discriminatory anti-Israel acts that can cross the line into antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2019, President Donald Trump signed an executive order adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism for the purposes of government agencies tasked with enforcing Title VI; and

WHEREAS, use of this definition of antisemitism, although it is not to be taken as an exhaustive definition, will increase awareness and understanding of the parameters of contemporary anti-Jewish discrimination in certain circumscribed areas;

NOW THEREFORE, I, BRAD LITTLE, Governor of the State of Idaho do hereby proclaim January 27, 2022, to be

Holocaust Remembrance Day

in Idaho, and I ask that we the people of the State of Idaho recommit ourselves to the promise that Never Again can such a tragedy occur by remembering the victims of the Holocaust, teaching our children about this tragedy and using the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism as a tool for identifying and speaking out against antisemitism.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 27th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Little", is written over a horizontal line.

BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence Denney", is written over a horizontal line.

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE