

RESOLUTION 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF DAVIS COUNTY, UTAH, CONDEMNING ANTISEMITISM AND ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE’S NON-BINDING WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM

WHEREAS, antisemitism is the centuries-old bigotry and form of racism faced by Jewish people simply because they are Jews;

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) data, Jewish Americans are consistently the most likely of all religious groups to be victimized by incidents of hate in the U.S., and such incidents are increasing at an alarming rate;

WHEREAS, recent FBI data shows that attacks against Jews or Jewish institutions made up nearly 60 percent of all religious-based hate crimes;

WHEREAS, local governmental entities and local institutions have a responsibility to protect citizens from acts of hate and bigotry, including antisemitism;

WHEREAS, it is important that the political subdivisions of the state of Utah take leadership and stand in solidarity with its Jewish communities to send a clear message that discriminatory and hate-motivated behavior or violence will not be tolerated;

WHEREAS, Davis County is fully committed to the safety, security, and equal treatment of its residents;

WHEREAS, all persons are encouraged to report any antisemitic incidents to the proper authorities for investigation;

WHEREAS, in May 2016, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (“IHRA”), by consensus vote of its member states, adopted the Working Definition of Antisemitism (IHRA Working Definition), including 11 contemporary examples,¹ which has become the internationally recognized, authoritative definition for use by governments and international organizations; and

WHEREAS, the IHRA Working Definition states: “Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

WHEREAS, the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism has proven to be an essential tool used to determine contemporary manifestations of antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism has been adopted by many international and national organizations, including the United States State Department and the United States Department of Education; and

¹ See [International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance](#) for the 11 examples.
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WHEREAS, in the United States, the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism is utilized by various government and law enforcement agencies in monitoring, training, and education; and

WHEREAS, all people of all faiths have a stake in fighting antisemitism, just as they have a stake in fighting every form of bigotry, and hatred against people based on religion, race, national origin, age, ability, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Davis County, Utah, values religious diversity and interfaith tolerance, and hereby condemns antisemitic acts and statements as hateful expressions of intolerance that are contradictory to the values that define the residents of Davis County; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Davis County, Utah, recognizes the growing problem of antisemitism in the U.S. and hereby adopts the non-binding IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism, including the 11 contemporary examples stated therein, as an important tool to address it; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Davis County, Utah, requests local law enforcement agencies to ensure that the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism is utilized for addressing antisemitism and other forms of discrimination; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Davis County, Utah, condemns antisemitism in all its forms, without exception, and encourages our elected officials, educators, community organizations, houses of worship and all citizens to work to understand and oppose antisemitism to ensure that the Board of County Commissioners of Davis County, Utah, will live up to the principles of diversity, tolerance, religious freedom, and equal protection.

1. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

This Resolution was duly PASSED, ADOPTED, and/or APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2026, with Commissioners John Crofts _____, Lorene Miner Kamalu _____, and Bob J Stevenson _____, all voting as documented herein.

DAVIS COUNTY

John Crofts, Chair
Board of County Commissioners of Davis
County, Utah

ATTEST:

Brian McKenzie
Davis County Clerk