

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1

**A RESOLUTION
UNEQUIVOCALLY CONDEMNING THE RECENT RISE IN
ANTISEMITIC VIOLENCE AND HARASSMENT TARGETING
JEWISH PEOPLE, AND STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH
THOSE AFFECTED BY ANTISEMITISM, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, Antisemitism remains a serious and growing danger for Jews in the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Antisemitic incidents and rhetoric have continued to surge in the United States and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Such antisemitic incidents are part of a broader increase in the number and intensity of antisemitic incidents in the United States and around the world, as evidenced by studies by the Kantor Center for the Study of Contemporary European Jewry, finding that Jewish Americans were the target of 60.2 percent of all religiously motivated hate crimes in 2019, despite accounting for 2 percent of the population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Holocaust denial and distortion, including intentional efforts to excuse or minimize the impact of the Holocaust, dishonors those who were persecuted and murdered and reinforces the need for advancing accurate Holocaust education globally; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of the past decade, Holocaust distortion has grown in intensity; and

WHEREAS, Protecting the history of the Holocaust and recognizing and confronting Holocaust denial and distortion are critical to preventing antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, Much antisemitism today takes the form of “modern” or “new” antisemitism, in which actual bias against Jews is denied while prejudiced attitudes exist and discriminatory statements or acts are engaged in; and

WHEREAS, This form of antisemitism may be more difficult for its perpetrators to identify and challenge, as their beliefs about themselves may be that they are not biased against Jews; and

WHEREAS, Every antisemitic act creates a climate of fear, anxiety and insecurity, both for the individual and the community; as such, Jews are exposed to suffering the feelings of vulnerability, anger, depression and other effects of victimization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF ORANGE VILLAGE, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, AND STATE OF OHIO:

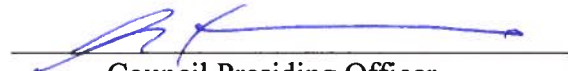
SECTION 1. That the Mayor and Council of Orange Village unequivocally condemn the recent rise in antisemitic violence and harassment targeting Jewish Americans and stands in solidarity with those affected by antisemitism.

SECTION 2. That Orange Village, as a community is recommitted to combating antisemitism in all forms.

SECTION 3. Orange Village calls on elected officials, faith leaders, and civil society leaders to denounce and combat all manifestations of antisemitism.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

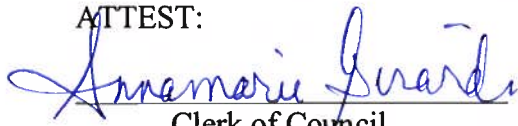
PASSED: FEB. 1, 2023


Council Presiding Officer

Submitted to the Mayor for
approval on this 1st day of FEBRUARY, 2023

Approved by the Mayor this
1st day of FEB, 2023

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council


Mayor