

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA RECOGNIZING THE GROWING PROBLEM OF ANTISEMITISM IN THE UNITED STATES, ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE (“IHRA”) WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENSURE THAT THE IHRA WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM IS AVAILABLE AS AN EDUCATION RESOURCE FOR CITY DEPARTMENTS TO ADDRESS ANTISEMITISM AND ALL OTHER FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION DIRECTED TOWARD ANYONE WITHIN CHULA VISTA

WHEREAS, the City of Chula Vista is committed to combating discrimination, as reflected in Chula Vista Municipal Code Section 2.36.020; and

WHEREAS, Chula Vista is home to a diverse community who have enriched our City with their unique cultural traditions, entrepreneurial spirit, and valuable contributions to the social and economic fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City embraces its diverse population and is committed to promoting anti-discrimination policies and practices to ensure all residents, including minority groups, refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers, feel safe, valued, and welcome; and

WHEREAS, antisemitism, including harassment based on actual or perceived Jewish origin, ancestry, ethnicity, identity, affiliation, or faith, remains a persistent problem in American society; and

WHEREAS, Jews continue to be a targeted minority in the United States and are consistently the most likely of all religious groups to be victimized by incidents of hate, and such incidents are increasing; and

WHEREAS, local governments have a responsibility to protect citizens from acts of hate and bigotry, including antisemitism, and must be given the tools to do so; and

WHEREAS, valid monitoring, informed analysis and investigation, and effective policy making all benefit from accurate and uniform definitions; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista, that it, as follows:

1. The recitals and findings contained in this Resolution are hereby adopted by reference and incorporated herein.
2. The City of Chula Vista recognizes the growing problem of antisemitism in the United States and adopts the Working Definition of Antisemitism, which reads: “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, towards Jewish community institutions and religious facilities,” and includes contemporary examples of antisemitism, adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) on May 26, 2016, as an important tool to address antisemitism.
3. The City Council directs the City Manager to ensure that the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism is available as an education resource for City departments to address antisemitism and other forms of discrimination to ensure that all residents, including minority groups, refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers, feel safe, valued, and welcomed.
4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Presented by

Approved as to form by

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John McCann  
Mayor

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