

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

PROCLAMATION NO. 22-1662 Affirming a Commitment to Countering Antisemitism

WHEREAS, an Anti-Defamation League audit found the number of incidents of antisemitism in the United States reached an all-time high in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Colorado ranked eighth among states for the number of reported antisemitic incidents, with the number of reported incidents growing by 53 percent, reaching the highest number of reports in more than a decade, and

WHEREAS, antisemitism is counter to the basic American principles of tolerance, pluralism, and democracy and has led to violence and the destruction of lives and communities, and

WHEREAS, in 2022 we have seen an increase in public figures using their platforms to elevate and engage in dangerous antisemitic rhetoric; and

WHEREAS, education and action are essential to prevent the spread of antisemitism, provide strong support to a vulnerable community, and combat toxic hatred that harms not only the Jewish community but all Denverites; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon us all to speak out against anti-Jewish hate, violence against Jews, antisemitism and hate speech of any kind and to stand with our Jewish community members as allies in support and solidarity, strengthening our commitment to greater understanding and dignity for all.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver supports Denver's Jewish community and affirms its ongoing commitment to counter antisemitism and hate in all its forms and to cultivate an inclusive city that celebrates both the individuality and commonality of its people.

Section 2. That the Secretary of Council shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that copies be transmitted to the Anti-Defamation League Mountain States Region, JEWISHcolorado and the Rocky Mountain Rabbis and Cantors.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL December 19, 2022

PRESIDENT