

Resolution Condemning the Surge in Hatred Against Jewish People in New York State

Whereas, the State of New York is home to approximately 2 million Jewish residents and Jews have been part of the fabric of the State since 1654;

Whereas, New York State also has among the highest rates of antisemitism in the U.S. Hate crimes targeting Jews are significantly disproportionate and have shown a consistent upward trend over the past decade;

Whereas, according to recent data released by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), antisemitic incidents in 2023 surged in New York State, marking the highest number ever recorded by the ADL in the state. In the fourth quarter of 2023 alone, antisemitic incidents in New York surpassed the total incidents for the entire year of 2022, and FBI director Christopher Wray has testified that antisemitism has reached “historic levels;”

Whereas, the October 7th attacks by Hamas and the ensuing conflict between Israel and Hamas have resulted in a dramatic increase in hate crimes against Jewish New Yorkers. These incidents include verbal and physical harassment, unprovoked physical attacks, targeting Jewish businesses with graffiti and harassment, targeting Jewish students at universities, assaults on individuals leaving synagogues, anti-Jewish signage and statements at rallies, threats to synagogues, and the dissemination of anti-Jewish hate and falsehoods through social media;

Whereas, antisemitism is not confined to the downstate area. Recent examples include the publication of a cartoon with antisemitic tropes in the *Buffalo Times*, vandalism of Jewish cemetery headstones in Watertown, swastika graffiti at a Chappaqua High School, gunshots fired outside an Albany synagogue during the first night of Hanukkah, and incidents at universities throughout the state including Cornell, where a former student threatened to kill Jewish people;

Whereas, Students are being harassed for being ~~Jews~~ on college and university campuses in New York State. No student should feel threatened or intimidated while attending classes or events on their campuses, or in any way while living their lives;

Whereas, hate in New York State has historically been exacerbated by external events, such as the surge in Islamophobia following 9/11, the targeting of Asian American communities during the COVID-19 crisis, the abhorrent racism resulting from the false accusations against the “Central Park Five,” the increased homophobic prejudice directed against the LGBTQ+ community during the AIDS crisis, and the anti-immigrant sentiment being stoked today. The New York State Democratic Party has consistently stood up against such hate, recognizing that current events can perpetuate hate crimes, prejudice and violence;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the New York State Democratic Committee vehemently condemns all forms of hatred, discrimination and violence against Jews in New York State and the alarming increase in antisemitism, along with all forms of discrimination and hate based on the grounds of race, gender identity, gender expression, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, disability, or economic status;

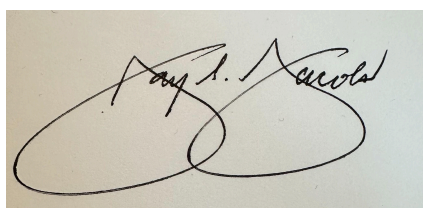
Be it further resolved, the New York State Democratic Committee condemns antisemitism and stands with Governor Kathy Hochul's unequivocal condemnation of antisemitism and her plan to combat it through such actions as the creation of the New York State Anti-Hate in Education Center;

Be it further resolved, the New York State Democratic Committee calls upon the State legislature to enact measures to address the alarming increase in antisemitism in New York State;

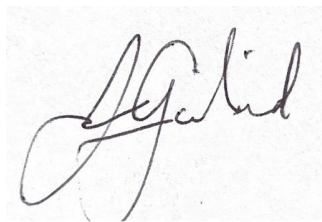
Be it further resolved, that the New York State Democratic Committee commits to taking decisive action to combat current and future instances of antisemitism in the State, including but not limited to:

1. Supporting legislation that addresses the increase in antisemitism and hate crimes;
2. Calling for the implementation of state-wide educational programs that teach the history of Jews, the Holocaust and antisemitism;
3. Utilizing the platform and resources of the Democratic Party to raise awareness about the dangers and prevalence of antisemitism and encourage unity and solidarity among all New Yorkers against hate and discrimination;
4. Ensuring that all feel welcome in the Democratic Party.

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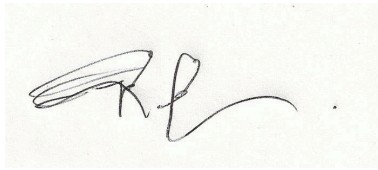
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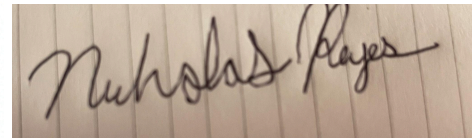
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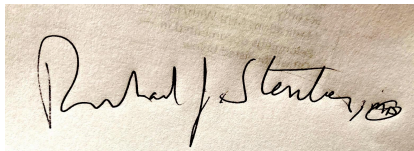
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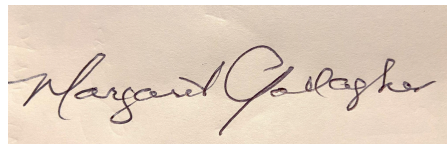
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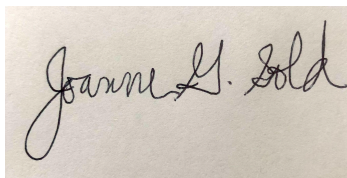
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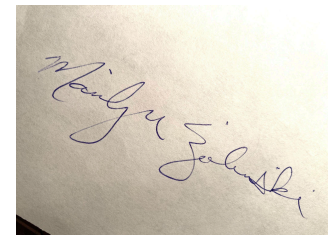
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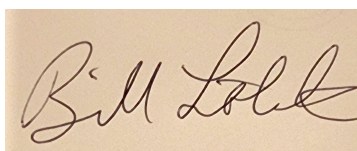
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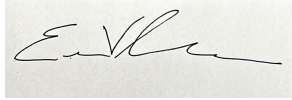


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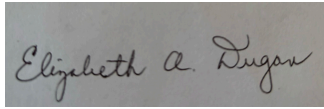


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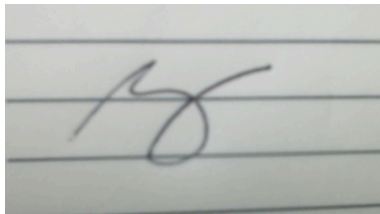
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