

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87

Senator Moss, Bayer, Geiss, Johnson, Polehanki and Santana offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize October 27, 2019, as Day of Action
2 Against Anti-Semitism.

3 Whereas, October 27, 2019, marks one year since the horrific
4 events at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,
5 that tragically took the life of eleven worshipers and injured
6 seven more in the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in American
7 history; and

8 Whereas, Only months later, a second deadly attack on
9 worshipers occurred during the Jewish holiday of Passover at the
10 Chabad of Poway synagogue in California in which one person was
11 killed and three were injured; and

1 Whereas, The Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) most
2 recent report on hate crimes reveals a 37 percent increase in anti-
3 Semitic hate crimes in the United States; and

4 Whereas, FBI statistics demonstrate that Jewish people and
5 Jewish institutions, both religious and communal, were the most
6 frequently targeted religious group in 2019, accounting for almost
7 60 percent of all religious-based hate crime incidents; and

8 Whereas, Anti-Semitic vandalism has touched places of worship
9 in Michigan just in the last few months, including Nazi graffiti
10 spray-painted on Temple Jacob in Marquette and anti-Semitic posters
11 placed upon Temple Emanuel in Grand Rapids; and

12 Whereas, Michigan has many resources to ensure that our
13 residents understand the implications of bias-motivated violence,
14 including the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills; and

15 Whereas, The Holocaust Memorial Center has educated and
16 inspired its 65,000 annual visitors towards a collective
17 understanding of tolerance and acceptance of the diverse beliefs in
18 our state, country, and world; and

19 Whereas, We must remain committed in confronting hatred and
20 bias, while standing together in solidarity with the Jewish
21 population around the world; and

22 Whereas, Synagogues and temples in Michigan and across the
23 country will be participating in "Show Up For Shabbat" on October
24 25 and 26 of this year to dedicate their religious services to
25 reflect upon the one-year anniversary of the unspeakable horror at
26 Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue; now, therefore, be it

27 Resolved by the Senate, That we recognize October 27, 2019, as
28 Day of Action Against Anti-Semitism; and be it further

29 Resolved, That we commit to combating all forms of hatred and

- 1 anti-Semitism and ensure the safety and dignity of our residents
- 2 and communities.