

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.189

Reps. Wittenberg and Berman offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare October 27, 2019, as a Day of Action  
2 Against Anti-Semitism in the state of Michigan.

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

12       Whereas, The FBI's most recent report on hate crimes reveals a



1 37 percent increase in anti-Semitic hate crimes in the United  
2 States and FBI statistics demonstrate that Jewish people and Jewish  
3 institutions, both religious and communal, were the most frequently  
4 targeted religious group in 2018 accounting for almost 60 percent  
5 of all religious-based hate crime incidents; and

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

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

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

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

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

26 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That members of this  
27 legislative body declare October 27, 2019, as a Day of Action  
28 Against Anti-Semitism in the state of Michigan. We commit to  
29 combating all forms of hatred and anti-Semitism and to ensuring the

**1** safety and dignity of our residents and communities.