

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 87

Senator Moss 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

12 Whereas, The Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) most

1 recent report on hate crimes reveals a 37 percent increase in anti-
2 Semitic hate crimes in the United States; and

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

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

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

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

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

28 Resolved, That we commit to combating all forms of hatred and
29 anti-Semitism and ensure the safety and dignity of our residents

1 and communities.