



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the State of New York is home to the largest Jewish community in the diaspora; and

Whereas, antisemitism is a pernicious and insidious hatred that threatens not only the Jewish people, but society as a whole; and

Whereas, the nation and New York State continue to experience intolerable levels of antisemitism, manifested in forms harassment, intimidation, and violence; and

Whereas, as Governor of the State of New York, my administration has a responsibility to defend and protect citizens from acts of hate and bigotry motivated by discriminatory biases, including antisemitism; and

Whereas, we find no exhaustive definition of antisemitism – which can take many forms, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism is a valuable tool used to determine contemporary manifestations of antisemitism; and

Whereas, the use of this definition of antisemitism, although it is not to be taken as an exhaustive definition, will increase culturally responsible awareness and understanding of the parameters of a contemporary anti-discrimination tool; and

Whereas, this working definition has been adopted by numerous government entities and municipalities as well as the US Department of State;

Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed, as Governor of the State of New York my administration believes the IHRA working definition of antisemitism is a vital resource in the struggle against antisemitism, and that it will facilitate constructive discourse, further understanding, and enable a more thoughtful response to this harmful behavior that impacts us all.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Hochul".

Kathy Hochul
Governor
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