

MUNICIPAL ANTISEMITISM ACTION PLAN:



INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS:

Proclaim International Holocaust Remembrance Day

International Holocaust Remembrance Day is commemorated on January 27 each year, and it serves as a vital reminder of the consequences of hate and the importance of fostering tolerance and understanding.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day honors the memory of the six million Jews and millions of others who were murdered during the Holocaust. 2025 marked the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp complex. It is also a moment to reaffirm our collective commitment to combating antisemitism, hatred, and prejudice in all its forms.

Here are some meaningful ways your city can observe this important day:

- **Organize a Public Event:** Host a remembrance ceremony or invite a Holocaust survivor, educator, or historian to share their insights and stories with your community.
- **Issue a Proclamation:** Proclaim January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in your city to reaffirm your commitment to preserving the memory of the Holocaust and promoting tolerance. Below is a sample draft Proclamation.
- **Engage Schools and Youth:** Partner with local schools to include educational programs about the Holocaust, fostering awareness and understanding among younger generations.
- **Light a Candle of Remembrance:** Encourage your community to join in a symbolic act of remembrance by lighting candles to honor the victims of the Holocaust.
- **Partner with Local Organizations:** Collaborate with museums, cultural institutions, and faith-based organizations to create meaningful programming and outreach efforts.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING JANUARY 27, 2026 AS INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

WHEREAS, January 27 marks International Holocaust Remembrance Day, designated by the United Nations General Assembly to commemorate the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration and extermination camp; and

WHEREAS, January 27, 2026, marks 81 years since the liberation; and

WHEREAS, today and every day, we remember and honor the memory of the six million Jews who were systematically murdered by Adolph Hitler and the Nazis, along with millions of other innocent victims, including people with disabilities, political dissidents, and others targeted for persecution; and

WHEREAS, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Definition of Antisemitism and included examples recognize that antisemitism is “a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities;” and

WHEREAS, International Holocaust Remembrance Day serves as a solemn reminder of the dangers of hatred, bigotry, and antisemitism, and underscores the importance of education, vigilance, and action to prevent such atrocities from occurring again; and

WHEREAS, the City of [NAME OF CITY] reaffirms its commitment to promoting tolerance, understanding, and human dignity, while standing against all forms of hatred and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, it is our duty to ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust remain a cornerstone of our collective memory and to honor the resilience and courage of those who survived and rebuilt their lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, [NAME], Mayor of the City of [NAME OF CITY], do hereby proclaim January 27, 2026, as International Holocaust Remembrance Day in the City of [NAME OF CITY] and call upon all residents to join in solemn remembrance of the victims, educate themselves about the Holocaust, and commit to building a more tolerant and compassionate society; and it is further

RESOLVED, that all citizens are urged to honor the lives that were lost and do their part to end antisemitism.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of [NAME OF CITY] to be affixed this [XX] day of January 2026.