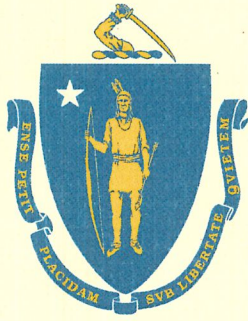


# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

*Whereas, We must never forget the horrific events of the Holocaust, the 6 million Jewish lives lost during the most tragic genocide in modern history; and*

*Whereas, Antisemitism is an evil that threatens, not only those who subscribe to the Jewish faith, but all people, no matter creed or background; and*

*Whereas, Antisemitism is a challenge to the basic principles of tolerance, pluralism, and democracy, and the shared values that bind Americans and many allies together; and*

*Whereas, In 2016, the Working Definition of Antisemitism was formally adopted by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), which, at the time, comprised 31 countries, including the United States; and*

*Whereas, The IHRA has defined antisemitism as a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews, and rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities; and*

*Whereas, Antisemitism threatens public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere; and*

*Whereas, Antisemitism is multifaceted and multiform, manifesting in many ways, making it easier to spread and harder to combat; and*

*Whereas, State officials and institutions can play a powerful role in promoting values of tolerance and pluralism and in protecting citizens from acts of hate and bigotry motivated by discriminatory animus, including antisemitism; and*

*Whereas, An essential tool in combating antisemitism is the ability to define antisemitism in each of its multiple forms; and*

*Whereas, The IHRA Working Definition provides a clear, comprehensive, and non-legally binding definition that can be used to determine contemporary manifestations of antisemitism including Holocaust distortion or denial, prejudices against Jews, and the denial of Israel's right to exist; and*

*Whereas, Together, we clearly identify hate, transform it into positive change and turn darkness into light,*

*Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim that,*

## MASSACHUSETTS ENDORSES THE WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM

ESTABLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE

*And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take  
cognizance of this definition.*

*Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this eighteenth day of February, in the year two thousand and twenty-two,  
and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fifth.*

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Charles Baker", written over the printed name and title.

CHARLES D. BAKER  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Karyn E. Polito", written over the printed name and title.

KARYN E. POLITO  
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "William Francis Galvin", written over the printed name and title.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

*God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*