

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

Number 106 of 2021

LAURA CURRAN, County Executive of the County of Nassau, by the powers vested in me by the Nassau County Charter do hereby order and declare as follows:

WHEREAS, antisemitism, including harassment on the basis of actual or perceived Jewish origin, ancestry, ethnicity, identity, affiliation, or faith, remains a persistent, pervasive, and disturbing problem in American society; and

WHEREAS the Jewish community continue to be a targeted minority in the United States and are consistently the most likely of all religious groups to be victimized by incidents of hate, and such incidents are increasing at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS the deadliest attack against the American Jewish community took place on October 27, 2018 at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, killing eleven worshippers and injuring several more; and

WHEREAS state officials and institutions have a responsibility to protect citizens from acts of hate and bigotry, including antisemitism, and must be given the tools to do so;

WHEREAS valid monitoring, informed analysis and investigation, and effective policy-making all benefit from accurate and uniform definitions; and

WHEREAS the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (“IHRA”), by consensus vote of its member states, adopted a Working Definition of Antisemitism in May 2016, which has become the internationally recognized, authoritative definition for use by governments and international organizations which provides:

“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 the IHRA Working Definition has proven to be an essential tool used to determine contemporary manifestations of antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, the IHRA Working Definition is utilized by various government and law enforcement agencies in monitoring, training, and

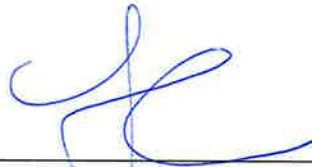
education, including the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, various County departments and offices in the County Executive branch of the County government are responsible for enforcing, implementing or complying with laws and regulations that prohibit antisemitic acts of discrimination and harassment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

ORDERED, that all County departments and officials in the County Executive branch of the government shall be guided by the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism, in complying with, implementing and enforcing laws or regulations that prohibit acts of antisemitic discrimination or harassment.

DATED: June 23, 2021



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LAURA CURRAN

COUNTY EXECUTIVE