

1 **RESOLUTION BY THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS STANDING**  
2 **AGAINST ANTISEMITISM; SUPPORTING LEGISLATION THAT CLEARLY DEFINES**  
3 **THE MEANING OF ANTISEMITISM UNDER STATE LAW; AND FOR OTHER**  
4 **PURPOSES.**

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6 **WHEREAS**, Georgia House Bill 30 (“HB30”), introduced on January 13, 2023, is  
7 under consideration by the General Assembly to “provide for the definition of  
8 antisemitism,” and “to require state agencies and departments to consider such definition  
9 when determining whether an alleged act was motivated by discriminatory antisemitic  
10 intent”; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the requirement to consider the definition of antisemitism proposed in  
13 HB30 would apply to evidence of discriminatory intent under state laws or policies  
14 prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, religion or national origin, and state laws  
15 providing for enhanced criminal penalties for criminal offenses involving the intentional  
16 selection of victims based on their actual or perceived race, color, religion, or national  
17 origin; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, HB30 states that “antisemitism, including harassment on the basis of  
20 actual or perceived Jewish origin, ancestry, ethnicity, identity, affiliation, or faith, remains  
21 a persistent, pervasive, and disturbing problem in contemporary American society”; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, HB30 states that “Jewish people continue to be a targeted minority in  
24 the United States”; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, according to the Anti-Defamation League (“ADL”), antisemitic  
27 incidents reached an all-time high in the United States in 2021, with a total of 2,717  
28 incidents of assault, harassment and vandalism reported; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, the state of Georgia saw an increase of 133% in antisemitic incidents  
31 in 2021 as compared to 2020; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, HB30, sets the term “antisemitism” in Georgia State Law to have “the  
34 same meaning as provided for in the working definition of antisemitism adopted by the  
35 International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (“IHRA”) on May 26, 2016”; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, HB30 clearly states that use of the IHRA definition of antisemitism,  
38 “although it is not to be taken as an exhaustive definition, will increase the awareness and  
39 understanding of the parameters of contemporary anti-Jewish discrimination in certain  
40 circumscribed areas”; and

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42 **WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners abhors discrimination of every kind and  
43 finds it necessary to protect every member of our community by ensuring that the laws  
44 that protect citizens from hate and bigotry motivated by discriminatory animus specifically  
45 include protection against antisemitism;

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that Fulton County and its Board of Commissioners stand in solidarity with the Jewish community, and fully support action by the members of the Georgia State Legislature to enact laws to include specific and clearly defined protections against antisemitic acts.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners hereby urges passage of HB30 by the Georgia General Assembly in this biennial legislative session.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk to the County Commission is hereby authorized and directed to send copies of this Resolution to the Clerk of the Georgia House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Georgia Senate.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption and that all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.


**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Georgia, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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