

HOLOCAUST REMEMBERED: AGAINST HATRED IN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES

A Joint Resolution Sponsored by Mobile Organizations

WHEREAS: all people in America of every race, creed or color are fully guaranteed protection of their lives, human dignity and property against violence, destruction and injury, as well as threats of same; and

WHEREAS: there still exist in our communities organizations like the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party, who seek to divide people of good will, to threaten us with violence and to disturb the good order and peace of our communities; and

WHEREAS: none of us is entitled to forget that during World War II more than six million Jews and five million Gentiles were brutally murdered in the name of class hatred and racial prejudice and that the success of the original Nazi movement was owing in large part to the silence of people of good will and good sense who should have taken a strong stand against the Nazi ideology and political program; and

WHEREAS: some organizations, in particular the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party, are intent on reviving the same hatreds and fears that led to the holocaust by openly marching and demonstrating in American communities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, on the occasion of the commemoration of the Nazi holocaust:

1. that we denounce the purveyors of hatred and repudiate their invitations to violence and intimidation aimed at racial and ethnic members of our community;
2. that we join with our neighbors in expressing our love for one another and, particularly, our commitment of support for those of our brothers and sisters who are being villified by hate groups and whose ancestors were the victims of Nazi brutality; and
3. that we pledge a redoubled effort to understand and draw closer to all members of our community and to affirm our abhorrence of violence and terrorism.

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