

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-31

INTRODUCED BY: City Council as a Whole and Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO ANTISEMITISM AND
DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE CITY'S JEWISH COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, throughout its existence, the City of University Heights has worked to embrace the diversity of its residents; and

WHEREAS, that diversity includes ethnicity, race, national origin, orientation, physical challenges, and religion: and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the City amended its Charter to include Anti-Discrimination protections for all segments of our society; and

WHEREAS, the City has stood with its minority residents when their safety and security is challenged; and

WHEREAS, the City has a large proportion of residents of the Jewish faith; and

WHEREAS, the City's Jewish residents contribute their time, energy, and expertise in assisting the City and serving on Council, Committees, and Boards and Commissions; and

WHEREAS, throughout the United States, there has been a rise in antisemitism, resulting in threats and violence against our Jewish neighbors; and

WHEREAS, in our immediate area, in words and deeds, the Jewish community has been maligned, and individual members of the Jewish community have been singled out; and

WHEREAS, these actions have led to a rise in fear and concern for safety within our Jewish community, and

WHEREAS, Council and the Mayor desire to address any fear of on the part of our Jewish neighbors regarding their safety within our City limits and express their commitment to keep members of the City's Jewish community safe from expressions of hate and physical harm.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, OHIO THAT:

Section 1. Council and the Mayor hereby affirm their support for the City's Jewish residents and declare that the City and community will not tolerate expressions of hate against the City's Jewish residents.

Section 2. The Clerk of Council is hereby instructed to distribute notice of the passage of this Resolution in the usual and customary manner.

Section 3. Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution have been taken at open meetings of this Council, and that deliberations of this Council and of its committees resulting in such formal action, took place in meetings open to the public and/or in compliance with all statutory requirements, including the requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. Pursuant to Article 3, Section 6 of the City Charter, this Resolution shall become effective upon its passage by the affirmative vote of not less than five (5) members of Council and approval of the Mayor; otherwise it shall become effective at the earliest time allowed by law.

City of University Heights, Ohio

Michael Dylan Brennan, Mayor

Passed:

Attest: _____
Kelly M. Thomas, Clerk of Council

Approved as to Form: _____
Bradric T. Bryan, Law Director