

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

25-39

EXECUTIVE ORDER

FOR: ENSURING STUDENT SAFETY AT STATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, the terrorist organization Hamas committed evil and inhumane attacks against the people of Israel, taking hostages and killing innocent civilians;

WHEREAS, incidents of antisemitism have increased since the October 7 attacks, including particularly troubling incidents at colleges and universities across the United States;

WHEREAS, while many of Indiana's colleges and universities quickly condemned antisemitic speech and actions, and fostered constructive discourse concerning the terrorist attacks, some radical organizations and individuals continued to engage in antisemitic actions on college and university campuses;

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2025, the United States Department of Education's (USDOE) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) announced efforts to ensure colleges and universities across the nation—including in Indiana—fulfill their obligations under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act to protect Jewish students;

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana reiterates its longstanding support for Israel and Indiana's Jewish community, and continues to condemn any form of threat, harassment, intimidation, hate speech, or other action that endangers the Jewish community or violates state or federal law;

WHEREAS, acts of violence, physical or verbal threats, harassment, or other acts of antisemitic intimidation cannot be confused with freedom of speech and expression; and

WHEREAS, antisemitism and the harassment of the Jewish community will not be tolerated by the State of Indiana, particularly at its state educational institutions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BRAUN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order that:

1. The Indiana Commission for Higher Education ("Commission") shall assist and fully cooperate with the USDOE, as found necessary and appropriate, in the USDOE OCR's efforts to ensure Indiana's state educational institutions fulfill their obligations under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act to protect Jewish students.
2. The Commission shall review the policies of Indiana's state educational institutions related to antisemitic actions and speech, as well as the response of each institution to any acts of antisemitism that have occurred at the institution since October 7, 2023. The review shall be completed by September 30, 2025, with a written report provided to the Governor and the Legislative Council by November 30, 2025.
3. The Commission shall conduct a follow-up review in 2026 concerning policy changes made by Indiana's state educational institutions related to antisemitic actions and speech, as well as the response of each institution to any acts of antisemitism that may occur at the institution after September 30, 2025, with a written report provided to the Governor and the Legislative Council by November 30, 2026.

4. The Commission shall use the definition of antisemitism adopted on May 26, 2016, by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (“IHRA”) for the purposes of this report.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Mike Braun, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana on this 13th day of March, 2025.

Mike Braun

Mike Braun
Governor of Indiana

DIEGO MORALES

ATTEST: Diego Morales
Secretary of State