



STATE *of* NEBRASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
LINCOLN

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26-14

Establishing Statewide Reporting, Prevention, and Educational Requirements Regarding Antisemitism in Nebraska's Public Education System

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska is committed to maintaining safe and respectful learning environments for all students, educators, and staff; and

WHEREAS, antisemitism undermines civil rights, educational opportunity, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin, including discrimination against Jewish individuals; and

WHEREAS, since October 7, 2023, antisemitism has exploded and has plagued our schools, college campuses, Jewish communities, and the country; and

WHEREAS, in 2025 alone, the Combat Antisemitism Movement's (CAM) Antisemitism Research Center (ARC) recorded 6,820 antisemitic incidents, an 8% rise from 2024, which had a staggering 107.7% increase from 2023. In addition, the ARC has seen an over 200% increase in U.S. college campus antisemitic incidents since October 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism, including its contemporary examples, which was adopted on May 26, 2016, has been an essential tool used to define contemporary manifestations of antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, as of May 1, 2026, thirty-eight U.S. state governments have adopted the IHRA definition through resolutions, executive orders, or legislation; and

WHEREAS, the United States government has established, through Executive Orders 13899 (Dec. 11, 2019) and 14188 (Jan. 29, 2025), that antisemitism, according to the IHRA definition, is to be used when evaluating all Title VI claims of antisemitic discrimination and harassment; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska reiterates its support for the State of Israel and Nebraska’s Jewish Community, and condemns any use of harassment and discrimination to put the safety and well-being of the Nebraska Jewish Community in peril.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, under and pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Nebraska, do hereby order and direct the following:

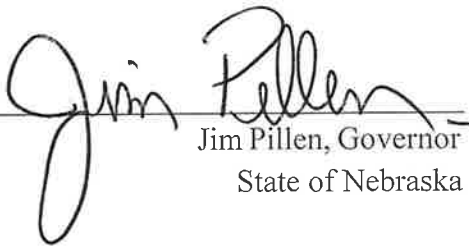
1. For purposes of this Executive Order, “antisemitism” shall have the same meaning as defined in the Executive Proclamation from May 5, 2022, and reaffirmed in the November 21, 2023, Executive Proclamation, that Nebraska will “... adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism including the contemporary examples of antisemitism set forth therein...”
2. As such, the State of Nebraska’s adoption of the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism, including the contemporary examples, should be, and hereby, is reaffirmed.
3. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-133 (3) each institution of higher education, as defined by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-3106, and the Nebraska Department of Education shall submit annually, by September 1, to the Governor’s Policy Research Office a report identifying:
 - a. Report all incidences of harassment or discrimination against students or employees that is motivated by or includes antisemitic intent, or is a result of the institution’s policies and programs, in the same manner as any other form of unlawful discrimination prohibited by federal or state law; and
 - b. The enforcement actions taken consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all applicable federal and state regulations.
4. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-133 (2) each institution of higher education, as defined by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-3106, and the Nebraska Department of Education shall:
 - a. Incorporate into student, faculty, and employee codes of conduct the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism, including the contemporary examples, and explicit prohibitions against antisemitic conduct, including harassment and discrimination against Jewish individuals, consistent with federal and state civil rights laws; and
 - b. Maintain policies fully consistent with federal and state civil rights protections.
5. The Nebraska Department of Education is requested to make available to all public and nonpublic schools statewide:
 - a. Supplemental materials and curricula aligned with state academic standards as it pertains to Jewish American history during pre-and post-revolution, the Holocaust, and the State of Israel; and
 - b. Professional learning resources to support best practices in instruction on the subjects outlined in “a” above.
6. All state agencies, boards, commissions, and public educational institutions subject to this

Executive Order are requested to:

- a. Take all necessary actions to implement this Order fully and expeditiously; and
 - b. Cooperate with the Nebraska Office of the Governor to ensure compliance.
7. If any provision of this Executive Order is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.


IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this 29th Day of MAY, 2026.



Jim Pillen, Governor
State of Nebraska

ATTEST





Robert Evnen, Secretary of State
State of Nebraska