



RESOLUTION

No. 24-49

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY
JANUARY 27, 2024**

WHEREAS, prejudice, bigotry, racism and hate have been the cause of conflict, war and mass atrocities throughout history; and

WHEREAS, the Nazi regime was able to exploit severe economic hardships in the aftermath of World War I to foster prejudice and hatred toward a group that had historically been used as scapegoats throughout Europe, culminating in the attempt to exterminate the Jewish population in Europe, widely known as the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, during the Holocaust, at least 11 million people were brutally murdered, at least 6 million of whom were Jewish people; and

WHEREAS, other marginalized groups, such as Soviet prisoners of war, ethnic Poles, children and adults with disabilities, homosexuals, intellectuals and political and religious dissenters were victims of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we and future generations never forget the tragic lessons learned from the organized, government-sponsored mass killings of the Holocaust, especially at Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp; and

WHEREAS, it is also important to remember, honor and emulate those righteous people who risked their lives to save thousands of innocent people during the Holocaust and to learn from their legacy of courage, selflessness and hope; and

WHEREAS, over half a century after the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, and the conclusion of World War II, too many of the world's nations have not learned the lessons of the Holocaust, as demonstrated by recent episodes of ethnic cleansing, genocides, crimes against humanity and mass killings in so many parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of families, educators and the many diverse religious communities around the world as well as political leaders, humanitarians, public officials and the media to recognize the Holocaust as both a political and human tragedy and to spread that knowledge to our younger and future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all concerned citizens raise awareness and take action regarding current and potential instances of genocide, organized mass killing, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in connection with parent groups and local organizations, hereby declares its support of

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

JANUARY 27, 2024

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 8th day of August 2023

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:

Lori Alhadef
Lori Alhadef, Chair

ATTEST:

Peter B. Licata
Dr. Peter B. Licata, Superintendent of Schools

The Resolution is compliant with State and Federal Laws.