RESOLUTION NO. 03-23

Action against Antisemitism

 WHEREAS, we in Montgomery County have seen a sharp increase in the incidents of antisemitic incidents that have horrified County residents of all faiths;

 WHEREAS, the County Council unanimously passed a resolution condemning antisemitism and all forms of hate speech and bigotry towards any racial or ethnic group;

 WHEREAS, the County Council resolution states that Montgomery County commits to countering antisemitism and hate through engagement with community leaders; and

 WHEREAS, we elected municipal officials in Montgomery County believe that the voices of our communities should be added to the County’s in expressing our condemnation of these antisemitic acts,

 THEREFORE, we as elected officials of the Town of Laytonsville, Maryland, resolve the following:

Antisemitism has no place in our communities, at our schools, in our public areas, and on our doorsteps. As local elected leaders, we fully condemn this age-old hatred of the Jewish people and stand in solidarity with our Jewish residents.

We stand firmly against any and all actions that aim to intimidate our Jewish residents through the use of hate speech, display of hate symbols, such as Nazi Swastikas, and through physical assault. We oppose with equal fervor, any expression of hate or bigotry against people of any racial, religious, ethnic identity, or sexual orientation.

We support activities undertaken in our schools that educate our children about the history of antisemitism, raise awareness of this bigotry, and encourage students to oppose antisemitism and other hate speech and activities when they see or hear of them.

We also believe that activities must take place in our communities to raise greater public awareness about antisemitism, both historically and contemporaneously, and commit to implementing a public awareness campaign against antisemitism that engages every municipality in Montgomery County.

This campaign will be comprised of public “antisemitism awareness” events in differing municipalities of the county this calendar year. We will seek the broadest possible public involvement in these activities.

We will work with experts and leaders, such as the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee, the Jewish Community Relations Council, the Maryland Municipal League’s Montgomery County chapter, and local law enforcement and other entities, to provide a full spectrum of topics to increase awareness of antisemitism and hate in our communities. We believe that vigorous, consistent public education will provide the most effective defense against this and other age-old hatreds that have no place in our dynamic, diverse, and inclusive communities.

ADOPTED by the Town Council of Laytonsville, Maryland this day of

 , 2023.

 Charles Hendricks, Mayor

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution

was adopted by the Town Council in public meeting

assembled on the 1st day of August 2023. This Resolution

will become effective on the 1st day of August, 2023.

Mary Burke, Clerk