



Resolution

Resolution No. 21-15 Addressing Anti-Semitism through Education and Holocaust Remembrance in the Rancho Santiago Community College District

WHEREAS, antisemitism is on the rise, both across the globe and within our country, and hate crimes against Jews in the United States comprise 62.5 percent of all religious-motivated hate crimes – and that regardless of demographics, Jews are the second-most likely group to be a victim to a hate crime, despite representing only 2 percent of the population; and

WHEREAS, throughout history, antisemitism has resulted in atrocities against Jews such as pogroms and, specifically, the Holocaust, which resulted in the murder of six million Jews between 1939 and 1945; and

WHEREAS, current surveys show two-thirds of young adults do not know that six million Jews as well as five million non-Jewish people were murdered during the Holocaust, and 23 percent of young adults today believe that the Holocaust was a myth, exaggerated, or are not sure this atrocity occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Rancho Santiago Community College District is an inclusive hub for education and awareness, with a mission focused on educating the populace in our service area on all things related to humanity; and

WHEREAS, the Rancho Santiago Community College District Board of Trustees urges an emphasis on Holocaust education at both of its colleges in its History Course Outlines of Record at the time of regular five-year reviews;

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees believes in and supports the work of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and wishes to establish an annual commemoration of the Holocaust to coincide with their “Days of Remembrance” and will be seeking to collaborate with organizations in the community that share these views so that the memory of the atrocities of the Holocaust will not fade with time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Rancho Santiago Community College District denounces antisemitism and supports the establishment of a District-wide annual commemoration of the Holocaust, so hereby conveyed by the adoption of this Resolution.

Dated this 25th day of October 2021.

Ayes: 7 Trustees: Arias Miller, Crockett, Hanna, Hernandez, Labrado, Tinajero, Yarbrough
Noes: 0 Trustees
Absent: 0 Trustees
Abstain: 0 Trustees


Marvin Martinez, Secretary, Board of Trustees