



**City of Northampton**  
MASSACHUSETTS

*In the City Council, January 22, 2022*

Upon the Recommendation of:      Councilor Jamila Gore  
   Councilor Karen Foster  
   Councilor Alex Jarrett  
   Councilor Rachel Maiore

**R-22.015 A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ANTISEMITISM IN OUR COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, at the December 28, 2021 Board of Health meeting, there were members of the public who made antisemitic comments, identified themselves using antisemitic tropes, and/ displayed Nazi symbols in their Zoom image, and

WHEREAS, Northampton's Health Director and volunteer Board of Health members have, for nearly two years now, guided Northampton through the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, making difficult decisions in the interest of public health and protecting the residents of our city, and

WHEREAS, antisemitism exacts a heavy toll on our Jewish community members, and like all forms of hate, seeks to create a larger environment of fear, division, intimidation and oppression for all residents, and

WHEREAS, Northampton has a long history of showing up on the side of equality and justice and standing up against hate and bigotry, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Northampton, Massachusetts calls on all local public officials, residents, and visitors to stand in solidarity with our Jewish family, friends, neighbors, and community members and condemn and denounce antisemitism in any form, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Northampton recognizes that the Health Department and Board of Health need to make difficult decisions in the interest of public health and to protect our community members. We commend them on their tireless dedication and leadership during the challenge of a global pandemic, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrative Assistant to the City Council shall send a copy of this Resolution to Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, Health Director Merridith O'Leary, and all members of the Board of Health.