



*INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY – JANUARY 27 &  
HOLOCAUST EDUCATION MONTH – JANUARY  
PROCLAMATION BY THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT*

**Whereas:** THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT WILL NEVER FORGET THE EVENTS OF THE HOLOCAUST, AND THE 6 MILLION JEWISH LIVES LOST IN THE MOST TRAGIC GENOCIDE IN MODERN HISTORY; AND

**Whereas:** ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS CONTINUE TO INCREASE IN THE UNITED STATES, REACHING AN ALL-TIME HIGH IN 2021 WITH A TOTAL OF 2,717 INCIDENTS OF ASSAULT, HARASSMENT AND VANDALISM REPORTED TO THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE. THIS REPRESENTS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF INCIDENTS ON RECORD SINCE THE ADL BEGAN TRACKING THEM IN 1979 – AN AVERAGE OF MORE THAN SEVEN INCIDENTS PER DAY AND A 34 PERCENT INCREASE YEAR OVER LAST YEAR; AND

**Whereas:** THIS YEAR, ON INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY, JANUARY 27, 2023, WE COMMEMORATE THE 78TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU DEATH CAMP; AND

**Whereas:** HONORING THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS BEGINS WITH OUR RENEWED RECOGNITION OF THE VALUE AND DIGNITY OF EACH PERSON, IT DEMANDS FROM US THE COURAGE TO PROTECT THE PERSECUTED AND SPEAK OUT AGAINST BIGOTRY AND HATRED; AND

**Whereas:** ON THIS ANNIVERSARY WE RECOMMIT OURSELVES TO COMBATING THE GLOBAL RISE IN ANTI-SEMITISM AND THE EVIL THAT THREATENS NOT ONLY THOSE OF JEWISH FAITH BUT THOSE OF ALL FAITH AND BACKGROUNDS; AND

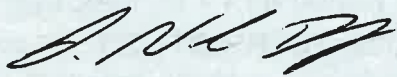
**Whereas:** RECENT ACTS OF HATE IN SWAMPSCOTT SERVE AS A PAINFUL REMINDER OF OUR OBLIGATION TO CONDEMN AND COMBAT RISING ANTI-SEMITISM IN ALL ITS FORMS, INCLUDING THE DENIAL OR TRIVIALIZATION OF THE HOLOCAUST; AND

**Whereas:** THIS ANNIVERSARY IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE CONFRONTING THIS TERRIBLE CHAPTER IN HUMAN HISTORY AND ON OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO END GENOCIDE; AND

**Whereas:** THE DEFINITION OF ANTI-SEMITISM READS AS FOLLOWS: "ANTI-SEMITISM IS A CERTAIN PERCEPTION OF JEWS WHICH MAY BE EXPRESSED AS HATRED TOWARD JEWS. RHETORICAL AND PHYSICAL MANIFESTATIONS OF ANTI-SEMITISM ARE DIRECTED TOWARD JEWISH OR NON-JEWISH INDIVIDUALS AND/OR THEIR PROPERTY, TOWARD JEWISH COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS AND RELIGIOUS FACILITIES"; AND

**Now, Therefore:** ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE SELECT BOARD, WE DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JANUARY 27, 2023 AS INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY AND THE MONTH OF JANUARY AS HOLOCAUST EDUCATION MONTH IN THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT, MASSACHUSETTS AND ENCOURAGE ALL FAITH BASED AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS TO ACKNOWLEDGE, HONOR AND VALUE JEWISH PEOPLES' HISTORIC AND CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS LOCALLY AND BEYOND, WHILE ALSO RECOGNIZING THE ONGOING AND INTERCONNECTED STRUGGLES OF ALL JEWISH COMMUNITIES LOCALLY AND BEYOND.

**In Witness Whereof,** WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT, MASSACHUSETTS, THIS 11TH DAY OF JANUARY 2023.



NEAL DUFFY  
CHAIR, SELECT BOARD



DAVID GRISHMAN  
VICE CHAIR, SELECT BOARD



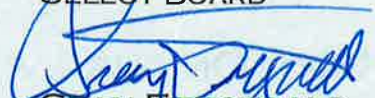
MARY ELLEN FLETCHER  
SELECT BOARD



CATHERINE PHELAN  
SELECT BOARD



PETER SPELLIOS  
SELECT BOARD



SEAN FITZGERALD  
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

