



Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

MAYORS UNITED AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

- WHEREAS,** for more than a century, the American Jewish Committee (AJC) has been the leading global Jewish advocacy organization with offices across the United States and around the globe working to enhance the well-being of the Jewish people and to advance human rights and democratic values for all; and
- WHEREAS,** anti-Semitism is prejudice against, hatred of, or discrimination against Jews on the pretext of ethnic, religious or racial considerations and is not only an attack on Jews but an assault on the core values of any democratic and pluralistic society; and
- WHEREAS,** in a world of global communications where anti-Semitic ideas can and do spread rapidly, the impact of the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe does not stop at Europe's borders and when the fundamental values of democracy are challenged, a concerted and principled response is required; and
- WHEREAS,** AJC's Mayors United Against Anti-Semitism Initiative is an effort to engage mayors and municipal leaders in order to get them to commit to working within and across their communities to advance the values of respectful co-existence and to affirm that anti-Semitism is incompatible with fundamental democratic values; and
- WHEREAS,** to date, the initiative has drawn support from more than 360 U.S. mayors and municipal leaders from all 50 states and the District of Columbia representing nearly 90 million people; and
- WHEREAS,** AJC's European offices and partners have also secured support from more than 192 mayors from 32 European nations, representing nearly 70 million people, making this the largest public statement against anti-Semitism in history; and
- WHEREAS,** this is truly a global effort, and communities large and small have a role to play in assuring that anti-Semitism is clearly and loudly rejected as wholly incompatible with pluralistic, democratic societies where we must advance values of respect and co-existence;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Gerald W. Tamburro, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim our support and endorse the American Jewish Committee's Statement on Anti-Semitism by Mayors and Municipal Leaders.

Dated: July 1, 2017

Gerald W. Tamburro, Mayor