



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Recent events in the news have reminded us that the ancient scourge of anti-Semitism has not disappeared from our society; and

WHEREAS: There have been incidents involving violence toward the Jewish community; and

WHEREAS: Discrimination and intimidation, vandalism of their temples and their places of burial and the banning of books chronicling the horrors of the holocaust persist; and

WHEREAS: While targeting the Jewish people, anti-Semitism also seeks to call into question the very notion of a tolerant, diverse community in which all are granted equal respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS: We strive to heal these wounds and overcome these challenges of racism, bigotry, and other forms of injustice; and

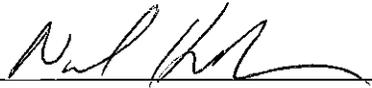
WHEREAS: As a community we will continue to do our part to identify, confront and raise awareness about anti-Semitism as it manifests in countries around the world today.

NOW THEREFORE, The Belfast City Council reaffirms that Belfast is, and will remain, a welcoming community for people of all races and religions, creeds and cultures. We stand with our Jewish friends, neighbors and family members, and with all who are targeted by bigotry and prejudice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of February, 2022.

Mayor Eric Sanders

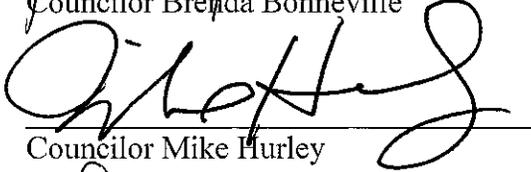
Councilor Mary Mortier



Councilor Neal Harkness



Councilor Brenda Bonneville



Councilor Mike Hurley



Councilor Paul Dean