



# City of Chicago



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## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Bomb threats were made to eleven Jewish community centers across the nation on February 20, 2017 and a cemetery was vandalized in the St. Louis area; and

**WHEREAS**, The latest troubling incidents are part of four waves of bomb threats which have been called in to dozens of Jewish Community Centers over the past five weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, Forty-eight Jewish community centers in 26 states and one Canadian province received nearly 60 bomb threats during January according to the JCCA, an association of Jewish Community Centers; and

**WHEREAS**, In the wake of these deplorable actions, Jewish community centers across the country have increased security and are holding town hall meetings to calm frightened parents; and

**WHEREAS**, Law enforcement agencies have heightened their vigilance in seeking to protect the rights and welfare of the Jewish people; and

**WHEREAS**, The Federal Bureau of Investigation has launched an investigation into the cases; and

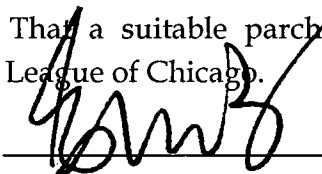
**WHEREAS**, The Council on American-Islamic Relations has offered a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of people behind the threats; and

**WHEREAS**, On February 9, 2017, Pope Francis met with Jonathan Greenblatt, the Chief Executive Officer of the Anti-Defamation League, and issued a joint statement reaffirming Jewish-Catholic relations and denouncing anti-Semitism; and

**WHEREAS**, Each of us must be active in ending bigoted activity in all its ugly forms that denigrates the Jewish people or any other minority group; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this twenty-second day of February, 2017, do hereby strongly denounce the vandalism and threats made against those of the Jewish faith; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable parchment copy of this resolution be presented to the Anti-Defamation League of Chicago.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alderman', is written over a horizontal line.

**Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward**