

1 A RESOLUTION condemning the support of Hamas, Hezbollah, and other terrorist
2 organizations at institutions of higher education.

3 WHEREAS, the support of Hamas, Hezbollah, and other terrorist organizations at
4 institutions of higher education may lead to the creation of a hostile environment for
5 Jewish students, faculty, and staff, and contribute to the rise in antisemitism across the
6 Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

7 WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, Hamas launched a surprise attack to deliberately
8 target Israeli civilians, including the killing and abduction of men, women, children, and
9 the elderly; and

10 WHEREAS, Hamas' stated goal is the entire destruction of the State of Israel and
11 its Jewish citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, a disturbing number of student organizations at institutions of higher
13 education placed blame solely upon the State of Israel for the attack and expressed
14 support for the terrorist actions of Hamas through the glorification of violence and the
15 usage of antisemitic rhetoric; and

16 WHEREAS, on October 9, 2023, the national leadership of Students for Justice in
17 Palestine declared a day of resistance and called on student chapters across the United
18 States to demonstrate, not only by slogans and rallies, but also by armed confrontation
19 with oppressors; and following this announcement, many chapters issued pro-Hamas
20 statements; and

21 WHEREAS, many administrations of institutions of higher education do not follow
22 the practice of institutional neutrality and frequently speak out on public issues, but have
23 failed to speak out clearly after the October 7 attack by Hamas, and have exposed their
24 lack of regard for their Jewish and pro-Israel students; and

25 WHEREAS, the glorification of violence and use of antisemitic rhetoric creates a
26 hostile learning and working environment for Jewish students, faculty, and staff; and

27 WHEREAS, Kentucky has seen a massive surge in antisemitism, both on college

1 campuses and across the Commonwealth, as documented by the Kentucky Jewish
2 Council; and

3 WHEREAS, Kentucky rejects antisemitism and has adopted the International
4 Holocaust Remembrance Alliance’s (IHRA) definition of antisemitism;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

6 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
7 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

8 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky House of Representatives hereby condemns the
9 support of Hamas, Hezbollah, and other terrorist organizations at institutions of higher
10 education, that may lead to the creation of a hostile environment for Jewish students,
11 faculty, and staff.

12 ➔Section 2. The Kentucky House of Representatives hereby calls on the
13 administrators of colleges and universities in the Commonwealth to condemn
14 antisemitism, formally adopt the IHRA definition of antisemitism, and investigate
15 instances of antisemitism and, where appropriate, take action immediately.

16 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
17 copy of this Resolution to Representative Scott Sharp.