

## 53-R-2

### A Resolution to Acknowledge Yom HaShoah

Abigail Berk (for herself, Lauren Sutherland, Anna Valerius, and Kelsey Lowman) introduced the following legislation to the Steering Committee, where it passed. Then, to the floor, where it passed.

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**Whereas** the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students at the Ohio State University, and

**Whereas** Yom HaShoah is occurring on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, and

**Whereas** the Holocaust must be remembered because it is an example of how certain thought processes can devolve into a mass extinction, and

**Whereas** the Holocaust occurred during a time of mass antisemitism which mirrors the xenophobia, Islamophobia, Nationalism and the like which are prevalent today, and

**Whereas** over 11 million people were murdered, making this event one of the largest genocides in human history<sup>1</sup>, and

**Whereas** people of all different identities were murdered during the Holocaust, including Jewish people, Soviet civilians and prisoners of war, people with disabilities, Roma, Jehovah's Witnesses, German political opponents, and people who identified as LGBTQ, among others, and

**Whereas** those who were killed and the stories of survivors must be remembered and honored alike, and

**Whereas** the number of survivors who are still alive is dwindling, and

**Whereas** without education and remembrance, the Holocaust and the events leading up to it could be forgotten or misrepresented in the future, and

**Whereas** the Holocaust is sadly only one example of mass genocides that have taken place all throughout the world, including the mass genocide occurring against the Rohingya Muslims

<sup>1</sup> <https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/documenting-numbers-of-victims-of-the-holocaust-and-nazi-persecution>

occurring today, and

**Whereas** examples of hate against all identities continues today,

**Whereas** there are three hate groups being tracked in Columbus and eight hate groups being tracked statewide in Ohio<sup>2</sup>, and

**Whereas** there were three reported hate crimes in 2018, ten in 2017, and thirty-two in 2016 on the Columbus campus, and

**Whereas** the attitudes and behaviors of 20th century Nazis is alarmingly similar to 21st century White Supremacists and Neonazis.

**Therefore, Let it Be Resolved** the Undergraduate Student Government affirms the recognition of Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) every year, and

**Let it Further be Resolved** the Undergraduate Student Government work to stop occurrences of hate and bias occurring within its organization and on The Ohio State University's campus as a whole.

Floor Vote: Passed with General Consent



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Nathan Rush  
Speaker of the General Assembly



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Roaya Higazi  
President

Date Adopted: April 22, 2020