

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

87th SESSION
2019-2020

**S. R. 87-
A RESOLUTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM
ON CAMPUS AND IN NEVADA**

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

MARCH 2ND, 2020

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR SUPPLE TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A Resolution Against Anti-Semitism on Campus

1 *Whereas*, anti-Semitism is defined as “a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as
2 hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism are directed toward
3 Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and
4 religious facilities”¹;

5 *Whereas*, there are reports of at least sixteen (16) anti-semitic acts on campus in the 2019-2020
6 academic year at the University of Nevada, Reno. Such incidents include drawing swastikas or writing
7 anti-Semitic messages;

8 *Whereas*, after the 1900’s, the swastika has been a symbol of the Nazi Party in Germany that
9 orchestrated the deaths of over six million (6,000,000) Jews and continues to invoke “terror into Jews

¹ <https://www.state.gov/defining-anti-semitism/>

1 and others deemed enemies of Nazi Germany”² included homosexuals, citizens of the Soviet Union,
 2 prisoners of war, Serbians, people with disabilities, Romani, Jehovah’s Witnesses, etc.;

3 *Whereas*, Hillel of Northern Nevada is a group of Jewish students on our campus and across
 4 other campuses of Northern Nevada that aim to make campus a safe place for Jewish students away
 5 from home;

6 *Whereas*, Jacky Rosen, Senator for the state of Nevada, released a statement against anti-
 7 Semitism in the state of Nevada and in the United States³;

8 *Whereas*, anti-Semitism is not disappearing in the United States with 1,879 anti-semitic acts
 9 reported in 2018 and an increase in physical violence towards Jewish people, Jewish schools,
 10 synagogues, and on college campuses⁴;

11 *Whereas*, the University of Nevada, Reno Campus Climate Survey recorded that 71% of the
 12 population feels comfortable on campus. However, it is also recorded that minorities feel less
 13 comfortable than other groups on campus, making up the other 29% of the student populations;

14 *Whereas*, there are no known anti-semitic groups present on campus, but rather it is assumed
 15 that there are individual students who have been committing acts of anti-Semitism on campus;

16 *Whereas*, in 2019, the University of Nevada was named as one of the top universities of “Neo-
 17 Nazi Incidents”⁶;

18 *Whereas*, safety, diversity, equity, and inclusion were deemed legislative priorities for the 87th
 19 session of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada;

20 *Whereas*, Jewish students do not feel safe with reoccurring incidents of anti-Semitism on
 21 campus;

² <https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/content/en/article/history-of-the-swastika>

³ <https://www.rosen.senate.gov/node/271>

⁴ <https://www.adl.org/what-we-do/anti-semitism/anti-semitism-in-the-us>

⁵ <https://www.unr.edu/main/pdfs/verified-accessible/divisions-offices/president/truth/climate-study-final-report.pdf>

⁶ <https://stopuniversitysupportforterrorists.org/news/epidemic-jew-hatred-campus-top-ten-neo-nazi-incidents>

1 *Be it Resolved*, The Associated Students of the University of Nevada do not condone acts of anti-
2 Semitism at the University of Nevada, Reno nor in the state of Nevada;

3 *Be it Further Resolved*, The Associated Students of the University of Nevada encourage action to
4 be taken in our community, as well as on a state and national level;

5 *Be it Further Resolved*, this resolution be sent to

- 6 • Hillel Director, Atty Garfinkel-Berry
- 7 • The Nevada Anti-Defamation League
- 8 • The Speaker of the 88th Session of the Senate of the Associated Students
- 9 • The President of the 88th Session of the Associated Students
- 10 • US Senator for Nevada, Jacky Rosen
- 11 • Editor in Chief of the Nevada Sagebrush, Olivia Ali
- 12 • Vice President of Student Services, Shannon Ellis
- 13 • University President, Marc Johnson
- 14 • NSHE Board of Regent Cultural Diversity Committee Chair, Sam Lieberman
- 15 • Chairman of the NSHE Board of Regents, Jason Geddes