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An act relating to antisemitism; creating s. 1.015, F.S.; providing legislative intent; defining the term "antisemitism"; providing contemporary examples of antisemitism; providing construction; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, in 1998, Swedish Prime Minister Göran Persson initiated the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance, and Research, and

WHEREAS, an international forum was held January 27-29, 2000, and was attended by representatives of 46 governments, including 23 heads of state or prime ministers and 14 deputy prime ministers or ministers, and

WHEREAS, the task force issued the Declaration of the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust, also known as the Stockholm Declaration, and

WHEREAS, the Stockholm Declaration is the founding document for the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), the successor organization to the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance, and Research, and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the IHRA adopted a working definition of antisemitism to assist governments, organizations, and individuals in their efforts to identify antisemitism, and

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26 WHEREAS, as a part of this working definition, the IHRA
 27 included contemporary examples of antisemitism from around the
 28 globe, and

29 WHEREAS, the IHRA's adoption of a working definition has
 30 empowered many governments, organizations, and individuals to
 31 identify and address the rise in hate and discrimination against
 32 Jewish individuals, NOW, THEREFORE,

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34 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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36 Section 1. Section 1.015, Florida Statutes, is created to
 37 read:

38 1.015 Antisemitism.—

39 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to adopt the
 40 working definition developed by the International Holocaust
 41 Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) of the term "antisemitism" to assist
 42 in the monitoring and reporting of anti-Semitic hate crimes and
 43 discrimination and to make residents aware of and to combat such
 44 incidents in this state.

45 (2) As adopted by the IHRA on May 26, 2016, and as used in
 46 these statutes, the term "antisemitism" means a certain
 47 perception of Jewish individuals which may be expressed as
 48 hatred toward such individuals. Rhetorical and physical
 49 manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish and
 50 non-Jewish individuals and their property and toward Jewish

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51 community institutions and religious facilities.

52 (3) Contemporary examples of antisemitism include, but are
53 not limited to, all of the following:

54 (a) Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or
55 harming of Jewish individuals.

56 (b) Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or
57 stereotypical allegations about Jewish individuals as such or
58 the power of Jewish people as a collective, such as the myth of
59 a worldwide Jewish conspiracy or of Jewish individuals
60 controlling the media, economy, government, or other societal
61 institutions.

62 (c) Accusing Jewish people as a collective of being
63 responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a
64 single Jewish person or group or for acts committed by non-
65 Jewish individuals.

66 (d) Denying the fact, scope, and mechanisms, such as gas
67 chambers, or the intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish
68 people at the hands of Nazi Germany and its supporters and
69 accomplices during the Holocaust.

70 (e) Accusing Jewish people as a collective, or Israel as a
71 state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.

72 (f) Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to
73 Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jewish individuals
74 worldwide, than to the interests of their respective nations.

75 (g) Denying Jewish people their right to self-

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76 determination, such as claiming that the existence of the State
 77 of Israel is a racist endeavor.

78 (h) Applying double standards by requiring of the Jewish
 79 state of Israel a standard of behavior not expected or demanded
 80 of any other democratic nation.

81 (i) Using the symbols and images associated with classic
 82 antisemitism, such as blood libel, to characterize Israel or
 83 Israelis.

84 (j) Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to
 85 that of the Nazis.

86 (k) Holding Jewish individuals collectively responsible
 87 for actions of the State of Israel.

88 (4) The term "antisemitism" does not include criticism of
 89 Israel that is similar to criticism of any other country.

90 (5) This section may not be construed to diminish or
 91 infringe upon any right protected under the First Amendment to
 92 the United States Constitution or to conflict with federal or
 93 state antidiscrimination laws.

94 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.