**Associated Student Government** 

*University of Arkansas*

*ASG Senate Resolution No. 19*

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**A Resolution to Reaffirm Support for Jewish and Israeli Students at the University of Arkansas**

Whereas, The University of Arkansas is home to a small but vibrant Jewish minority; and

Whereas, Jewish and Israeli students bring valuable experiences and insight to the academic setting of the University of Arkansas; and

Whereas, The Chancellor of the University of Arkansas has made it abundantly clear that diversity and inclusion are among his eight priorities for the University; and

Whereas, In ASG Senate Resolution No. 04, the ASG Senate expressed its commitment to diversity and inclusion on campus; and

Whereas, Jewish people are facing the highest rate of recorded anti-semitism in the United States in the last decade[[1]](#footnote-1); and

Whereas, The Anti-Defamation League has identified 204 anti-semitic incidents on college campuses in the U.S. in its 2017 Audit of Anti-Semitic Events, an 89% increase since 2016[[2]](#footnote-2); and

Whereas, Due to the increase in anti-semitic activity in the U.S. in the last year, particularly on college campuses, including but not limited to the BDS movement, Neo-Nazism, and white supremacist movements. , the Associated Student Government Senate deems it necessary to issue a resolution of support for Jewish and Israeli students on this campus; then

Be it resolved, The Associated Student Government Senate is not seeking to make a statement on any international issue, but rather condemns any movement or activity that alienates Jewish and Israeli students from social and academic circles on the University of Arkansas campus; then

Be it therefore resolved: That the Associated Student Government Senate supports the inclusion of Jewish and Israeli students and their beliefs and values on campus; and

Be it further resolved: As consistent with ASG Senate Resolution 04, the Associated Student Government Senate supports the acknowledgement of a diverse student body.

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Amendments:

Vote Count: Aye 40 Nay 2 Abstentions

Legislation Status: Passed yes Failed \_ Other

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Colman Betler, ASG Chair of the Senate Date

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Andrew Counce, ASG President Date

1. https://www.adl.org/resources/reports/2017-audit-of-anti-semitic-incidents#major-findings [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2018/02/27/589119452/anti-semitic-incidents-see-largest-single-year-increase-on-record-audit-finds [↑](#footnote-ref-2)