



ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 7-031

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE TRAINING AND COMBATING  
MODERN-DAY ANTI-SEMITISM**

- Whereas,** The Central Student Government at the University of Michigan is dedicated to diversity, equity, and inclusion and the promotion of campus resources; **AND**
- Whereas,** University of Michigan students have demonstrated growing concern over anti-Semitism on our campus and beyond; **AND**
- Whereas,** Anti-Semitism is the systematic, institutionalized mistreatment of Jews; over their long history, the Jewish people have been the target of both violent and subtle forms of persecution, including discrimination, expulsions, and genocide; **AND**
- Whereas,** Anti-Semitism is rarely discussed as a real form of oppression and an important social justice issue, and is usually not mentioned in speeches or platforms at political marches and rallies<sup>1</sup>; **AND**
- Whereas,** Jewish identity is complex, and includes, but is not exclusively, religious, ethnic, and cultural affiliation; **AND**
- Whereas,** When anti-Semitism exists in a social justice movement, Jews are faced with a dilemma when trying to participate and the movement cannot reach its full potential<sup>2</sup>; **AND**
- Whereas,** Anti-Semitic incidents at non-Jewish elementary, middle, and high schools increased 106 percent, from 114 in 2015 to 235 in 2016<sup>3</sup>, college campuses have experienced a 59% increase in

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.politicalresearch.org/2017/06/29/skin-in-the-game-how-antisemitism-animates-white-nationalism/>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.politicalresearch.org/2017/06/29/skin-in-the-game-how-antisemitism-animates-white-nationalism/>

<sup>3</sup>[https://www.adl.org/news/press-releases/us-anti-semitic-incidents-spike-86-percent-so-far-in-2017?\\_ga=2.232367965.330568059.1505320836-2000410556.1505320836](https://www.adl.org/news/press-releases/us-anti-semitic-incidents-spike-86-percent-so-far-in-2017?_ga=2.232367965.330568059.1505320836-2000410556.1505320836)

anti-Semitic incidents between 2016 and 2017<sup>4</sup>, and there has been an 86% increase nationally of anti-Semitism between 2015 and 2017; **AND**

**Whereas,** Anti-Semitism incidents have occurred repeatedly over time on the University of Michigan campus<sup>5</sup>; **AND**

**Whereas,** Cherie Brown is the CEO and founder of the National Coalition Building Institute and has decades of experience in anti-Semitism training as part of her social justice work

**Whereas,** Ms. Brown has an M. Ed in Counseling and Consulting Psychology from Harvard University<sup>6</sup>; **AND**

**Whereas,** She is a seasoned dialogue facilitator, coalition builder, social justice advocate and diversity trainer<sup>7</sup>; **AND**

**Whereas,** in 1999, the work of NCBI was designated a “best practice for racial reconciliation” by President Clinton’s Initiative on Race<sup>8</sup>; **AND**

**Whereas,** The U.S. Department of Education cited NCBI’s work on race and gender issues on college campuses as a national “best practice”, awarding it the rating of “excellent” regarding educational significance, quality, usefulness, and replicability<sup>9</sup>; **AND**

**Whereas,** From 2014-the present, she has been leading workshops at numerous college campuses following incidents of anti-Semitism on those campuses: Brown University, Vassar University, and Connecticut College<sup>10</sup>; **AND**

**Whereas,** the National Coalition Building Institute is an international leadership organization that provides training in diversity, equity,

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<sup>4</sup> <https://judiciary.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Greenblatt-Testimony-11.07.17.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.michigandaily.com/section/crime/racist-anti-semitic-graffiti-found-skate-park>

<sup>6</sup> <http://ncbi.org/our-team/>

<sup>7</sup> <http://ncbi.org/our-team/>

<sup>8</sup> <http://ncbi.org/our-team/>

<sup>9</sup> <http://ncbi.org/our-team/>

<sup>10</sup> <http://ncbi.org/our-team/>

and inclusion (DEI) in community organizations, K-12 schools, college and university campuses, and private companies<sup>11</sup>; **AND**

**Whereas,** the National Coalition Building Institute won the Nelson Mandela Award for outstanding international work on fighting racism<sup>12</sup>; **AND**

**Whereas,** students in this Assembly have asked for resources and training in order to better understand anti-Semitism and how it manifests itself on campus<sup>13</sup>; **AND**

**Resolved,** that this Assembly recognizes that anti-Semitism is an important issue that must be addressed and we as leaders commit to educating ourselves and utilizing this knowledge to combat anti-Semitism on our campus; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**Resolved,** that the Central Student Government will allocate \$500 from the legislative discretionary budget to support Cherie Brown's honorarium and food for her upcoming student-organized event facilitating an informative and interactive workshop, for student leaders on campus ; **AND BE IT FINALLY**

**Resolved,** this shall have no effect until the passing of the Winter 2018 budget.

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<sup>11</sup> <http://ncbi.org/our-team/>

<sup>12</sup> <http://ncbi.org/our-team/>

<sup>13</sup> Central Student Government Meeting Minutes: November 28, 2017, pages 7-8

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