

RESOLUTION NO. 3 - 2022

EXPRESSING the condemnation of the Mayor and City Council of the attack against the Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue in Colleyville, Texas on January 15, 2022; and further **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and City Council to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and local law enforcement in Colleyville, Texas for their service in helping resolve this crisis.

WHEREAS, on Saturday, January 15, 2022, an armed man entered the Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue in Colleyville, Texas during Shabbat services and held four people at gunpoint in an eleven-hour standoff; and

WHEREAS, the assault was resolved with the help of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and local law enforcement in Colleyville, Texas, ending with the suspect's death and the four hostages escaping with their lives; and

WHEREAS, one of the hostages known to many Cincinnatians - Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker - lived in Cincinnati while enrolled as a student at Hebrew Union College ("HUC") in Clifton and serving as a rabbinic intern at Temple Shalom; and

WHEREAS, Cincinnati has a unique history in Reform Judaism as the "birthplace of American Reform Judaism" with HUC Cincinnati having been established in 1875 as the first permanent Jewish institution of higher learning in the Americas; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and this Council stand united against the hatred and act of violence displayed against Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker, the three other hostages, and the entire Congregation Beth Israel and against any act of hatred propagated against anyone because of their religious beliefs - particularly in houses of worship.

Section 2. That the Mayor and this Council express their appreciation to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and local law enforcement in Colleyville, Texas for their service in helping to resolve this crisis.

Section 3. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that a copy be provided to the Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue through the office of Councilmember Mark Jeffreys.

Passed: January 20, 2022

Jan-Michele Lemor Kearney
Vice-Mayor

Attest: Nicole Maynard
Acting Clerk

Submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys and Landsman