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THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON \_\_\_\_\_\_.

DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

## RESOLUTION

## SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## A CONDEMNATION OF ANTISEMITISM

## December 22, 2020

**WHEREAS,** Temple Emanuel has pursued faithfully its mission to foster and promote the love, understanding, and practice of Reform Judaism in Scott County for nearly 160 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Temple Emanuel is widely regarded as the oldest, continuously active Jewish congregation in the State of Iowa and contributes significantly to the spiritual and cultural life of Scott County and the larger Quad Cities region; and

**WHEREAS**, Temple Emanuel congregants are respected and cherished by all men and women of goodwill irrespective of faith throughout Scott County; and

**WHEREAS**, Temple Emanuel was vandalized with anti-Semitic graffiti on December 10 and its members deeply distressed as they prepared to celebrate Chanukah, the eight-day festival of lights; and

**WHEREAS**, last year the American Jewish community experienced the highest level of anti-Semitic incidents in 40 years, with more than 2,100 acts of assault, vandalism and harassment reported across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the bigotry reflected in these incidents, locally and elsewhere, are antithetical to the values of the people of Scott County as demonstrated by the outpouring of support for Temple Emanuel since the December 10 incident.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Supervisors does hereby condemn the malicious and cowardly act of antisemitism committed on December 10 and deeply regrets the pain caused by this incident to the congregation of Temple Emanuel

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately