

Reinforcing Human Values in Canada

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WHEREAS hate directed against any group is unacceptable in Canada; and

WHEREAS police reported hate crimes targeting individuals' religion, race or ethnicity have increased significantly, including antisemitism and antisemitic crimes across Canada; and

WHEREAS such acts of hate are antithetical to the values of inclusivity, respect and safety that define our communities and violate the fundamental right of all Canadians to live free from discrimination and fear; and

WHEREAS Lanark County is committed to fostering a safe and welcoming environment for all residents regardless of faith, ethnicity or background; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Council of Lanark County:

Adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism, in alignment with the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario;

Condemns the rise in hate in Canada and unequivocally denounces all forms of harassment, hatred and discrimination targeting religion, race or ethnicity.