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**Content:** Governor Wolf to Attend ‘Stand Against Hate’ Gathering in Philadelphia on Thursday

Harrisburg, PA – Governor Tom Wolf will attend the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia’s ‘Stand Against Hate’ gathering along with inter-faith leaders from throughout Pennsylvania to denounce recent anti-Semitic acts and stand in solidarity with all faiths against the rash of hateful acts across the country and Pennsylvania. “I am proud to stand in solidarity with Jewish, Muslim, Christian and all faith leaders whom have united against the recent rash of hate in our communities and country,” Governor Wolf said. “The silver-lining in all of this that we have seen the best of Pennsylvania in response to these disgraceful acts – people of different background coming together to support each other and stand united against discrimination, hate and intimidation.

“As Pennsylvania native Fred Rogers once said, “Look for the helpers” – and in the midst of violent threats and vandalism, we have seen so many people helping each other. We’ve seen our Muslim community raising money and putting in work to rebuild vandalized Jewish cemeteries, along with organized labor. Staff and volunteers at Jewish Community Centers, along with law enforcement and first responders, reacted swiftly and bravely to ensure children and all those that they serve were safe. “In these trying times, those who have come together to stand against hate and support their fellow citizens make all of us proud to be Pennsylvanians.”

Yesterday, Governor Wolf denounced the terror being directed towards Jewish institutions and pledged the full support of the state to find those responsible and hold them accountable.

Thursday’s event will be held in Philadelphia beginning at Noon.

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