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International Law Enforcement Leaders Issue Declaration Against Extremism and Hate at March of the Living in Poland

New Brunswick, N.J. (April 17, 2023) — Today, for the first time ever, an intercontinental delegation of chiefs of police and sheriffs are convening in Krakow, Poland, to participate in the International March of the Living, a formal remembrance of the horrors of the Holocaust. The annual event, which began in 1988, is taking place this year from 17-19 April 2023. The delegation issued a formal declaration against antisemitism, extremism, hatred, and intolerance.

This inclusion of senior law enforcement executives is a joint effort of the International March of the Living and the Miller Center on Policing and Community Resilience at Rutgers University, with support from major law enforcement associations such as the National Sheriffs Association, EUROPOL, GCLE'TE and academic institutions such as Eagleton Institute of Politics and the University of Ottawa Professional Development Institute. The law enforcement executives join heads of state, government officials, students, and other members of civil society in a demonstration of their commitment to countering antisemitism, hatred, and targeted violence.

Senior law enforcement executives representing Hungary, Croatia, Canada, Belgium, the United States, New Jersey State Police and the Washington, DC Metropolitan Police are marching from Auschwitz to Birkenau alongside thousands of other participants. Following the march will be the signing of a formal declaration recognizing the impact and significance of the Holocaust as it relates to modern policing and to call out the world's law enforcement community's commitment to combating antisemitism, extremism, and intolerance.

After this historic event, the Miller Center, in conjunction with the March of Living, DC Metropolitan Police, Antwerp Police, University of Ottawa PDI, and Europol, along with other distinguished police officials, will work together to develop a groundbreaking educational program for law enforcement agencies in North America and Europe. It will include special training tracks to (1) explore historical events through the eyes of law enforcement, (2) examine policing within the legal and political framework of Nazi Germany and other regions across the globe impacted by genocide, and (3) address the core values of democracy.

Given the central role of New Jersey officials and institutions in this initiative, the New Jersey Senate issued a resolution commending the Rutgers Miller Center's commitment to battling hate, intolerance and antisemitism via its leadership of the 2023 March of the Living.

The mission is led by the Miller Center's Chief Advisor for Policy and Global Policing, Paul Goldenberg, who formerly served as the first state Chief of the New Jersey State Attorney General's Office for Bias Crime and Community Relations, and as former co-Chair of the US Department of Homeland Security Advisory Council's Subcommittees addressing Targeted Attacks Against Faith-Based Communities.

"This year's March of the Living comes at a critical time in so many respects, with the world in upheaval and antisemitism and hate crimes surging once again," Goldenberg said. "Given these global realities, and the harsh lessons of history, it is vital that law enforcement agencies stand firmly in opposition to antisemitism, extremism, and hatred and receive the tools and training to do so."

Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police, who will also attend the March, said he was honored and humbled to represent U.S. law enforcement. "Both at home and around the globe, we must all recognize the hate that fueled the Holocaust, which still impacts all of humanity every day," Callahan said. He also pointed to the nefarious role some police played during World War II and the Holocaust. "Law enforcement's complicity during the Holocaust must also never be forgotten to ensure that our roles as guardians and peacemakers never contribute to such darkness ever again but serve as beacons of light and hope for all," Callahan said.

John J. Farmer, Jr., Director of the Miller Center and the Eagleton Institute of Politics, echoed Callahan's comments: "During the Holocaust, law enforcement officials in Europe were not merely bystanders; they were complicit. As incidents of antisemitism and other forms of hate increase in this new generation, it is vital that law enforcement reaffirm its commitment to ensuring that the horrors of mass persecution and genocide never happen again."

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ABOUT THE MARCH OF THE LIVING IN POLAND

The March of the Living has become an annual event in Poland and a heralded international resource in education about the Holocaust, wholly driven with the purpose and goal of ensuring that such a campaign of hatred will never happen again. The March of the Living doesn't view the Holocaust solely in its historical context. Instead, it is a source from which much can be learned in our endless efforts to improve society. We also recognize that no level of classroom or traditional education can rival the experience of on the ground visits to the sites where these atrocities took place.

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL MARCH OF THE LIVING

[Then International March of the Living](#) is an annual educational program, bringing individuals from around the world to Poland and Israel to study the history of the Holocaust and to examine the roots of prejudice, intolerance and hatred.

Since its inception in 1988, more than 300,000 alumni from 50 countries have marched down the same 3-kilometer path leading from Auschwitz to Birkenau on Holocaust Remembrance Day – Yom Hashoah – as a tribute to all victims of the Holocaust.

ABOUT THE MILLER CENTER ON POLICING AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

[The Miller Center for Community Protection and Resilience](#), engages in education and public service focused on protecting vulnerable communities. The Eagleton affiliated center identifies and disseminates best practices, offers training workshops, consults on security and civil liberties, and undertakes research. The Miller Center, a product of the combined efforts of the former Centers on Policing and Community Protection and Resilience, is composed of individuals with a broad range of experience in the public safety arena. Its mission is to integrate research and evidence-based best practices into police operations, violence reduction, problem-solving, community policing, education, training, and the development of criminal justice policy and practice. The Center's efforts and findings directly help public safety professionals and agencies, and community organizations more effectively protect and serve their communities.

ABOUT THE EAGLETON INSTITUTE OF POLITICS

[The Eagleton Institute of Politics](#) at Rutgers University—New Brunswick explores state and national politics through research, education, and public service, linking the study of politics with its day—to—day practice. The Institute focuses attention on how the American political system works, how it changes, and how it might work better. To learn more about Eagleton programs and expertise, visit eagleton.rutgers.edu.

ABOUT RUTGERS—NEW BRUNSWICK

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ABOUT THE GLOBAL CONSORTIUM OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING EXECUTIVES (GCLETE)

GCLETE is a 501(c)3 organization established exclusively to provide police academy training directors, commandants, and superintendents with exceptional value through the exchange of innovative curriculum and methods or programs that enhance the educational, training, and certification processes of the law enforcement professional. GCLETE provides a coordination hub for the centralization of best practices, information sharing, and services provided to member agencies and academic institutions and serves as the coordinating body for chief executive officers of training academies and institutions to allow the transfer of industry-recognized best practices from one agency to another.