



Huntsville, Alabama

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Department: City Council

Subject:

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Resolution recognizing and celebrating the 150th anniversary of Temple B'nai Sholom.

Resolution No.

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City Cost Amount: N/A

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Special Circumstances:

Grant Funded: N/A

Grant Title - CFDA or granting Agency: N/A

Resolution #: N/A

Location: (list below)

Address: N/A

District: District 1 ☐ District 2 ☐ District 3 ☐ District 4 ☐ District 5 ☐

Additional Comments: N/A

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City Council and the Mayor of Huntsville, Alabama, wish to recognize and commemorate the 150th anniversary of Temple B’nai Sholom and its profound impact on the Huntsville community; and

WHEREAS, Temple B’nai Sholom was founded in 1876 by thirty-two Jewish families, making it the oldest congregation in continuous use in the State of Alabama and one of the oldest congregations in North Alabama; and

WHEREAS, for 150 years, Temple B’nai Sholom has served as a spiritual home for generations of Jewish individuals and families, offering worship, education, pastoral care, celebration, remembrance, and community; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, Temple B’nai Sholom has reflected the enduring values of Reform Judaism while embracing the evolving needs of each generation, affirming the dignity of every person, encouraging lifelong learning, pursuing justice, strengthening community, and inspiring lives of meaning and purpose; and

WHEREAS, members of Temple B’nai Sholom have made lasting contributions to the civic, cultural, educational, charitable, and economic life of Huntsville and Madison County through business, public service, philanthropy, education, military service, medicine, science, and community leadership; and

WHEREAS, Temple B’nai Sholom has long fostered relationships across faith traditions, welcoming dialogue, encouraging mutual understanding, and working alongside community partners to strengthen the bonds that unite the people of Huntsville; and

WHEREAS, the congregation continues to serve as a center for Jewish learning and life through worship, religious education, cultural programming, social action, and opportunities for people of all ages to grow in faith, wisdom, and service; and

WHEREAS, as Temple B’nai Sholom celebrates its Sesquicentennial during 2026–2027 under the theme “L’Dor V’Dor: From Generation to Generation,” the congregation honors the vision of its founders while looking forward with hope to the generations who will continue its sacred work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council and the Mayor of Huntsville, Alabama, do hereby recognize and congratulate Temple B’nai Sholom upon the occasion of its 150th anniversary and express sincere appreciation for the congregation’s century and a half of faithful service, leadership, compassion, education, and commitment to the betterment of the Huntsville community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council and the Mayor of Huntsville, Alabama, join the members of Temple B’nai Sholom in celebrating this historic milestone and extend their best wishes for continued strength, growth, and service for generations to come.

ADOPTED this the ____ day of _____, 2026.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the ____ day of _____, 2026.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama