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The Milwaukee Jewish Council today released the attached statement regarding the permits which have been granted to Milwaukee Nazis to hold rallies in Milwaukee County parks.

In the statement, the Milwaukee Jewish Council affirms its commitment to First Amendment which the Council says guarantees "rights which are precious to all Americans and especially to the American Jewish community which achieved religious freedom and equal opportunity under the protection of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution."

The Council statement says that all Milwaukeeans are aware that "millions of men, women and children of every faith and of every nation of Europe died in Nazi gas chambers and concentration camps, victims of a philosophy of totalitarianism and racial superiority. They will be reminded by the Nazis to re-dedicate themselves to the principles of democracy and human rights.

The Council statement also points out that street confrontations and court challenges to freedom of speech and assembly are exactly the kinds of publicity opportunities which the Nazis seek. The experience of the Jewish community of Chicago affirms that fact. The Council points out that "the struggle against Nazism, anti-Semitism and racism is best waged not in the streets, but in the schools and universities, Churches and Synagogues, and on all levels of government".

Finally, the Council calls on the community to "'quarantine' this sick group of extremists by avoiding their rallies thereby denying them the public attention they seek".

The Milwaukee Jewish Council, founded in 1939, is the community relations agency of the Jewish community of Milwaukee. Its purpose is to promote human rights, to fight anti-Semitism and racism and to develop understanding of the major concerns of the Jewish community. Its constituent organizations are the American Jewish Committee; American Jewish Congress; B'nai B'rith Women Milwaukee Council; Hadassah, Milwaukee Chapter; Jewish Community Center; Jewish Labor Committee; Jewish War Veterans; Milwaukee B'nai B'rith Men's Council; Milwaukee Synagogue Council; National Council of Jewish Women, Milwaukee Section; Wisconsin Council of Rabbis; Zionist Organization of America, Milwaukee District.